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The miner: a step closer to extinction

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

The long-term prospects for Britain's surviving coal mines were thrown into doubt yesterday when the largest producer, RJB Mining, announced plans to shut the country's newest

and most advanced "super-pit".

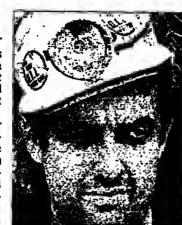
The company, which took over most of British Coal's pits at privatisation three years ago, blamed the decision to close Asfordby mine in north Leicestershire on serious geological problems. But unions and coal experts disputed the claim, insisting the closure was likely to be the first in a series of shutdowns as the demand for coal continued to fall,

The closure last night thrust Labour's energy policy into the spot-light, as John Battle, industry minister, spoke of his "great disappointment" at the news. Mr Battle insisted the industry had a "viable future" and stressed the government's commitment developing "clean coal" technology for power stations.

But Labour was also accused of adding to the industry's woes by encouraging greater competition in the electricity industry from next year, a move which was likely to fuel the switch to burning cheaper and cleaner natural gas.

Asfordby's demise has highlighted the problems for RJB, when contracts to supply coal to the privatised power generators expire next April. National Power and PowerGen buy almost 30 million tonnes of coal a year from RJB at well above the market price. So far only three million tunnes of supply bave been secured for next year.

The amount of electricity generated by coal has fallen dramaucally since the onset of gas-fired generating stations in the so-called dash for gas. In 1991 none of the UK's power geological problems.



Dim outlook: Darren Haywood leaving Asfordby pit after his shift

Pit falls 1947: Nationalisation of coal industry

718,000 miners 958 pits 1974: Miners' strike - 3-day week 242,000 miners 259 pits 1979: Conservatives elected 235,000 miners 223 pits 1984: Start of year-long strike 191,000 miners 170 pits 1986: After strike

1994: Privatisation of British Coal 9,000 miners came from gas, while two-thirds eame from coal. Last year gas

accounted for 20 per cent of power and coal for just 40 per cent. Asfordby was originally meant to be one of three pits huilt in the area, of which only one was allowed after a prolouged public inquiry. British Coal had invested £320m in the project since 1984, boping to find 25 years' worth of reserves. RJB ploughed a further £60m into the pit, much of it spent in trying to solve the

The two 500-metre shafts will be filled in and sealed by the end of the year, after which time RJB is expected to offer the land for sale. Hundred dreds of metres of underground roadways, lined with concrete like the

Channel Tunnel, will remain empty Gordon McPhie, RJB's finance di-rector, said the difficulties were unique to the pit and could not be solved. "People who suggest otherwise are totally wrong. The risk is that if we continue we might kill somebody. This is about killing people."
RJB had suffered a series of set-

hacks with its state-of-the-art technology since production began in April 1995. Beds of volcanic rock put the coal seam under such severe pressure that machinery was being damaged. To complicate matters further, water was gushing into the mine workings through faults in the rock. Production was finally abandoned last week.

But Neil Greatres, president of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, said RJB bad moved production to a smaller coal face, where it was min-ing coal at a small profit, a fact admitted by the company yesterday.

Mr Greatrex urged Labour to

come to the industry's aid. "The as we helped them get where they are. I have challenged Tony Blair and John Prescott to come here and put things right, but I think if nothing is done then by 2005 the coal industry in Britain will be finished."

RJB said it had offered to find alternative work at its other pits for Asfordby's 490 employees. Miners were given confirmation of the decision at a mass meeting at the pit yesterday morning.
One miner, Robert Hubery, said:

"I'm just devastated. I've been in the business 26 years and really don't think there is any future in mining



Claws to the fore: John Prescott studies a Chinese Mitten Crab which, any resemblance to Government ministers apart, will benefit from the intitative to make the shoreline around the Greenwich millennium site more environmentally friendly

Photograph: Edward Webb

Sideways on, you're such a softy

Stephen Goodwin Heritage Correspondent

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday let slip the uncomradely thoughts he harbours for his Cabinet colleague Peter Mandelson when he compared the Min-ister without Portfolio to a crab.

Whatever the similarities between Mr Mandelson and a crustacean with fiercesome claws that approaches its prey sideways on, the unguarded observation provoked a flurry of "elar-ifications" from Downing Street and

totally overshadowed the Deputy Prime Minister's original errand.

Mr Prescott had gone to the Millennium exhibition site to annunce the creation of a wildlife-friendly flood defence scheme for the Thames. But then he christened the photocali crah 'Peter' and asked in Do you think you'll get on the Exccutive Peter?

Mr Mandelson is bidding for election to Labour's ruling National Executive Committee and Mr Prescott hardly sounded to be wishing him well. The jibe was seized on by reporters as further evidence of be built in Germany. Mr Prescott uptension between the two men over Mr Mandelson's high-profile role while Tony Blair has been on holiday.

Later attempts by Mr Prescott to

"clear up any misunderstanding" were heavier on puns than sincerity. "I wish Peter Mandelson all the best in his attempt to claw his way on to the NEC. I hope that his pincer move goes well because under his hard shell he has a soft heart."

The two colleagues were also at odds over the disclosure that a key part of the Millennium Dome is to

set builders by saying the award of a £6m contract to Koch Konstruktive Membrane of Munich was "a sad reflection on the competence of the [British] industry". But Mr Mandelson, the minister

in charge of the Dome project, said it was a "success story" for British industry. "I am not disappointed really ... because overwhelmingly the huge bulk of work and the value of what we are doing at Greenwich is being taken up by British companies, "he told BBC Radio WM.

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The wife of a leading neuroscientist spoke yesterday of her family's life under siege by antivivisection groups after a renewed campaign of terror began against them.

As Professor Colin Blakemore takes up the presidency of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, his wife. Andree, revealed to The Independent the constant stress of living with the protesters' threats.

"For 25 years we've been a

top target. It gets unhearable. It would be easy to die of a nervous breakdown if we kept looking over our shoulders. On the day you receive a letter bomb or your property is vandalised you feel strong and think you'll be OK. But today I feel very upset," she said.

At 3am on Saturday, paintstripper was thrown over a car parked in the family's dri-



Colin and Andrée Blakemore Photograph: David Rose

ve and the tyres were stabbed. Their 10-year-old cat was burned by the substance after lying on the car.

The demonisation of Professor Blakemore, of Oxford University, began in 1986 when he did research that involved sewing shut the cyclids of anaesthetised kittens. The research helped medical understanding of amblyopia - the commonest form of child blindness.

During the past 10 years, the windows of his Oxfordshire house have been smashed, Mrs Blakemore has been threatened with death and the couple's three children with kidnap. A mailing tube filled with half a pound of explosives and sharp needles was sent to his home by an organisation called the Justice Department in December 1993. And last April, 400 campaigners demonstrated outside his house.

Two years ago Professor Blakemore, 53, formed a thinktank with Les Ward, the director of Advocates for Animals, an Edinburgh charity, to bring the two sides together for con-structive debate. Although their Boyd Group has always exFront and the violent minority, Professor Blakemare said that he would now be prepared to consider granting them a place at the negotiating table.

"The Boyd Group is an are-na for general dialogue. I want progression even if it means inchuding the violent groups - but only so long as we do not lose the peaceful groups," he said. Mrs Blakemore, 52, contact-

ed The Independent "in the hope that the public and legitimate animal rights groups will express their revulsion at such gratuitous infliction of suffering on innocent human beings and now on an animal". Professor Blakemore said:

"Our cat Sharon was very distressed. She had obviously been on the bonnet and had burnt her paws and face. I would never be granted a licence to apply paintstripper to a cat's face and paws without anaesthetic but this is what they've done."

Robin Webb, a spokesman for the ALF, said it looked like the work of the organisation. "It sounds like the ALF," he said. "I do not believe Professor Blakemore about his cat being hurt. It's the kind of emotive thing he'd try and cisim. I find his concern hypocritical. He has a history of stitching up eye-

lids of moneys and kittens.

"He has written saying he wants to meet me. But a private informal meeting would not get anywhere. There needs to broader representation."

Professor Blakemore estimates his department uses six monkeys and 12 cats a year. "I have been forced to consider and reconsider the basis of my moral position as a scientist. Every day a scientist should think about it and never be lackadaisical. I want, just as much as the ALF, to stop using animals but it's just a question of

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gal proceedings for damages of £1.4m against the environmental pressure group Greenpeace and four of its members over its occupation of the Stenna Dee oil installation uff the Shetland Islands.

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Greenpeace sued British Petroleum has begun le-

Child fathers baby A boy of 11 who made his girl-friend pregnant was in hiding with his mother. The girl, 15, said she would keep the bahy.

Australian cringe Australian officials were trying to defuse an embarrassing row after a secret government doc-

ument disparaged neighbouring political leaders. CONTENTS THE BROADSHEET Business & City16-18

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Inspectors sent to the bottom of the class

Judith Judd Education Editor

School inspectors, who spend their days telling teachers that they could do herrer, are themselves given poor marks in an unpublished report seen by The

SES COL Independent. The report, from the Office for Standards in Education, the inspections watchdog which awarded the same inspectors their contracts, says their reports are vague and woolly, and use sloppy grammar and punctua-

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, has said repeatedly that reports must be well-written so that they can be

understood by schools and par- omission, misplacement and ents. A review by Ofsted, which looked at 400 reports completed during the summer and autumn terms last year, says that the writing of one in seven school inspection reports is not up to scratch and few are good throughout. One in seven has very good features.

Grammatical errors occur in many: the most common is the lack of agreement between a verb and its subject. The apostrophe, downfall of

many pupils, also catches out the inspectors, for example: Childrens' Punctuation is generally accurate but there are reports in which the use of

even even superabundance."
They are accused of bad grammar: "Attainment and progress is good"; truisms: "When teaching is good, pupils are challenged": jargon: "Conti-nuity and progression"; vague-ness: "Teaching is usually satisfactory or better."

Inspectors are accused of inconsistency. Reports tend to start off by painting "an undu-ly rosy picture of a school" but then they change their tune.

One begins by noting that "teaching promotes sound educational standards" yet the same report reveals that progress in one-third of lessons is not up to standard and pupils

are underachieving in many subjects. In many reports, judgements are vague. "Skills in spelling and

writing are less well devel-oped. Less well developed than what?, asks the watchdog's report. And what do terms such as "some", "variable", "un-even" or "mixed" mean when they are used without explana-

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the inconsistency between and across reports had been one of teachers' concerns. "Ofsted must put in place quality control for its own inspection judgements."

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the apostrophe is erratic, with

significant shorts

Sculptor appears in court on human body-parts charge

A sculptor who teaches at the Prince of Wales Institute of Architecture appeared in court yesterday charged with stealing human body parts for use in his sculptures

Anthony-Noel Kelly, 41, a cousin of the Duke of Norfolk, was remanded on unconditional bail at Horseferry Road magistrates' court. He has been charged under the 1994 Anatomy Act, which prohibits the use of body parts for anything other than medical research and orders that parts must be given a proper burial after three years. Mr Kelly, from Briston, south London, was arrested in April following raids by police on eddresses in West London and

Kent. He did not speak during the five-minute bearing. Neil Lindsay, 24, from South London, faces a similar charge. Both men have been bailed to return before magistrates on

Loyalists end prison-officer attacks

A loyalist terrorist group has ordered its members to end attacks on prison officers' homes in connection with protests at the Maze jail. The ultra hardline Loyalist Volunteer Force called for mediation to resolve the dispute at the top security prison. LVF inmates caused an estimated £250,000 damage last Wednesday when they went on the rampage, demanding equal rights to other prisoners. Several gun and petrol bomb attacks were also launched on the

homes of serving and retired prison officers.

But in a statement using a recognised codeword yesterday, the LVF said: "The ruling army council bas ordered its units not to attack prison officers' bomes in order to let mediation take place about the crisis in the jail."

Wounded student home from Israel



A student injured in a shooting in Israel in which her boyfriend was killed arrived home yesterday.

Charlotte Gibb, 20, was gunned down alongside her partner, Max Hunter, 22, as they took a cigarette break on a trip from the southern heach resort of Eilat to e tourist spot

in the Negev desert last week. Miss Gibb was treated for fractures in ber left arm, right hand and a gunshot wound in the cheek. After flying back to

Britain she was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

Mr Hunter, a law graduate from Banstead, Surrey, was buried at the Jewish cemetery in Brighton last Friday. The couple, both students from Durham University, had been in the country for less than a week when they were shot in what was apparently a motiveless attack on Wednesday. They were planning to spend six weeks working on a kibbutz and travelling in Israel.

Miss Gibb, from Deeping St James, Lincolnshire, told Israel radio from her hospital bed in the town of Beer Sheva that it was "a miracle" she had survived the attack. An Israeli military patrol saved her life after spotting her lying beside the body of her boyfriend minutes after they were shot.

Boy dies in mini-motorbike accident

A 12-year-old boy died yesterday in what police believe was a tragic accident on his small-scale motorbike.

Christopher Molyneux was found near his home on the Loseley Park estate, in Guildford, Surrey, at about 8.30am. A police spokeswoman said: "A post mortem examination is due to take place ... Police are investigating the death, but it appears it was the result of a tragic accident."

Rare birds shot, and nailed to fence

Efforts to safeguard rare birds of pney in Britain have another blow with two more illegal killings.

The latest cases involve a percerine falcon, which was found shot dead in the Cheviot Hills, Northumberland, and an osprey which was nailed to e fence in the Belford area of the county. The peregrine was found by a walker in the hills; tests confirmed it had been killed with a shotgun. An investigation has failed to discover who killed the bird but the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and the Northumbria police are highlighting the case to draw attention to the problem. Police have also been investigating the death of the osprey. Both species are protected by special penalties - those who kill or injure the birds can face fines of up to £5,000.

Security guard success on trains

A pilot scheme to use private security guards to protect rail passengers on a busy commuter line bas proved so successful that it may be extended, it was revealed yesterday. The guards are being used on Connex South Eastern's North Kent line - scene of e serious robbery earlier this year.

Banks that say 'yes' to anything People are turning to their bank managers for help boosting their

looks and their sex lives, according to a new report. Recent requests for cash loans made to banks have included applications for money to have cosmetic surgery such as tummy tucks and tattoo removal, and even a sex-change operation. One customer wanted cash to buy a family graveyard, and another wanted £20,000 to improve his front drive. Asked why it would cost so much, the customer admitted that only £2,000 of the loan was for the new drive and the rest was for e Porsche to put on it. The survey of loan requests, by Yorkshire Bank, showed that banks and other lenders are becoming more ready to belp people realise their dreams.

Glowing performance at the ballet

Sixty English National Ballet dancers have been banned from sunbathing after returning from holiday with glowing pink faces.

Derek Deane, the ballet's artistic director, was dismayed when members of the corps de ballet returned from their summer break with faces glowing with "every shade of red and pink". He has ordered them to become a natural white, and to stay out of the sun, for the company's new production of Swan Lake. The dancers have six weeks to lose their summer colour before the classic ballet opens at the Apollo theatre in Oxford nn 30 September. "We simply can't give roasted swans to the public." Deane said.

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Unhappler times: Marks behind bars in the US (Photograph: Brendan Monks)

Howard Marks applies to be Blair's drugs czar

s CVe go, that of Howard Marks, the legendary marijuana smuggler and anti-Establishment Achampion, whose drugs empire once spanned the globe, may not sound the most appropriate applicant for the post of Tony Blair's new drugs czer, to spearhead the Government's assault on the narcotics? trade. But none the less, he is applying for the Job and honing for an interview.

Since being released in 1995, after seven years of a 25-year fail term in one of America's toughest pen-Itentiaries, Mr Marks, 52 misses being the scourge of the duthorities; He misses "cranking up huge smugtheir noses," he said yesterday on a visit to England from his home in Majorca.

At the height of his powers during the 1980s he had . That's why I'm standing for the standing

"That's why I'm standing for the drugs czar post," he said. "I'm writing my application form tonight and popping it in the post to Mr Blair." suppose it's quite a CV I've got -I've centainly got the experience." Mr Marks spelt out his proposals for combatting the-

drugs problem in the UK. If would legalise all drugs but, of course, there would

have to be restrictions on the harmful ones - fike a prescription or something. They would not be readiavailable on the street.

But the harmless ones, like marijauna, would be treated like cabbage and grown in gardens and ellotments. Keep it home-grown.

While he is aware that the PM's policies might be somewhat stricter, he remains ever the optimist. There's all ways the chance he'll give me the job. You never know." Mr Marks has spent his two years of freedom wifeing and promoting his autobiography, Mr Nice, now out in paperback, travelling the UK to attend signing He is also making an appearance at the Edinburgh Festival and he recently set up a web site on the internet, giving details of events, music and his beloved

in the general election, he stood for Parliament (and lost) in four constituencies on a legalisation ticket. And last weekend in Portsmouth, he was the guest of homour at a legalisation rally. True to form, he got himself arrested for lighting up.

Matthew Brace Letters, page 13

Supermarkets tighten grip on sales of CDs and videos

The dominance of supermarkets in every sphere of retailing has been underlined this week when it was revealed that they are the fastest growing sellers of CDs, tapes and videos. The big supermarket chains now account for 11 per cent of the total music and video market, up from just 3 per cent in five years, according to e report by Verdict retail consultants.

The most aggressive player in the market is Asda, which alone accounts for 4 per cent of the market, but Sainsbury's, Safeway and Tesco have all expanded into music and videos in the last two years. The supermarkets have entered the market because they can make profits of up to 30 per cent on CDs and videos, which is much higher than the profits from foods. They have been boosting their share of sales by carrying just the top-selling titles and undercutting the prices of specialist record shops.

Supermarkets now account for more of the market than WH

Smiths (7.4 per cent) and Britannia (6.5 per cent), but the merged Virgin Megastores and Our Price stores remain the biggest sellers, with 18 per cent of all sales. with 18 per cent of all sales.

FOOD

Roll out the bagels, it's lunchtime

Gone are the days of the standard sandwich. Pitta bread, bagels and foccacia are de rigeur in children's lunch boxes these days,

according to a survey by Sainsbury's.

Children are the biggest consumers of bread - 67 per cent of bread products that are bought are eaten by children under 16 but, anlike the 65-plus age group, whose first choice is white, sliced bread, they are developing a more sophisticated palate.

The survey of 11,000 children and adults revealed that pitta

bread is the most popular type of bread among under-fives but, between the ages of six and 10, a child's first choice is a bagel. Twenty-four per cent of pitta bread products are eaten by children under 16, compared with 17 per cent of white bread. Bagels are children's second favourite bread product overall, eaten by 18.3 per cent.

Foccaria is most popular with 25-44-year-old adults wh have children, and has superseded the bagnette on th dinner table. Clare Garner



SOCIETY .

Strong backing for ID cards

Four out of five young people support the introduction of compulsory identity cards for teenagers, according to a new survey. And researchers found that some three-quarters of all adults believe ID cards should be issued to everyone living in Britain.

The findings of the NOP poll follow recent concerns about under-age drinking and the growing debate about ID cards for young people...

And support for the introduction of compulsory ID cards was highest among the over-55s, with 83 per cent approval.

Overall, four out of five said ID cards would help prevent underage drinking and smoking. Reservations centred on fears of a loss of freedom or privacy, which were highest among under-35s.

Electronic tagging 'does not work'

The use of electronic tags to place offenders under "house arrest" trials of which are currently being extended by the Government, are deeply flawed, according to a report by a prison reform group.

Based on research from the United States, Canada and Sweden, the study claims that tagging cannot stop offenders breaching curfews or committing further crimes. They are also unlikely to reduce the jail population, and people wearing tags have been

attacked by vigilante groups, says the Prison Reform Trust.

The critical report follows the Government's decision to double the area in which tags are on trial, in Greater Manchester, Reading and Norfolk, in an attempt to find an alternative to

The trust questions whether tagging is just an expensive

Electronic Tagging: Viable Option or Expensive Diversion, £3.50 from PRT, 15 Northburgh St, London ECIV OAH. Jason Bennetto

Mother speaks for the first time about. US baby ordeal

Caroline Beale, the Briton who was charged with murder and kept in jail after being arrested at JFK air-port in New York with the body of her new-born baby girl strapped to her stomach, spoke yesterday for the first time about her ordeal.

Ms Beale, 32, had always insisted that the baby, born in a hotel bath during a trip to New York in 1994, was still-born, and that she had panicked, wrapped its body in plastic bags and cleaned up the bath-

But before her trial, she was persuaded to plead guilty to manslaughter in exchange for being allowed to return immediately to Britain, where she would be treated by psychiatrists.

Speaking on Radio 4'e Woman's Hour, Ms Beale, said it was a "terrifying" experience, but that she was now able to leave a relatively normal life.

Recalling the night of her arrest, she said: "They had me handcuffed to the bed. The detective guy took my clothes and everything. I thought, if I could keep myself together and tell them what hed hap-

pened, then they'd just let me go home."

She said she had been motivated by an overpowering urge to bring the child's body back to England.

"He [the investigating detective] said to me 'why didn't you leave her here and you could have gone back to England and an one would have gone back to England and no-one would have known?', but I just knew I had to bring her home "It all seems bizarre in retrospect, but I'm just a

normal person," she said. Ms Beale, a civil servant from Chingford, Essex,



spent eight months in the notorious Riker'e Island jail, sharing e cell with prostitutes and drug addicts.

In I felt that whatever they said to me I'd say yes to because I wanted so much to go home."

She said that being able to bury the baby, who she

Cameron Mackintosh denies Old Vic rescue bid

Sir Cameron Mackintosh vesterday distanced himself from suggestions that he might safeguard the future of The Old Vic. after its current owners put it up for sale.

The theatre'e Canadian owner, Ed Mirvish, and his son David, who have supported the loss-making institution for 15 years, are setting the playhouse for £7.5m, having spent £2.5m restoring it.

There had been reports that Sir Cameron, as well as the Royal Shakespeare Company, were interested in buying the Old Vic, but both were at pains to distance

themselves yesterday.
"Sir Cameron is definitely not buying the Old Vic and there is no

truth in this rumour. He has no other comment to make," said his spokesman.

"The RSC is committed to the Barbican and is involved in a lottery bid for the Collins Theatre in Islington. It is highly unlikely we would be involved in this," said an RSC epokesman. Ed Mirvish outbid Lord Lloyd

Webber and paid £550,000 to buy the Old Vic in 1982. After refurbishment, it reopened in October 1983, with two Sir Cameron Mackintosh musicals in the opening

Sir Peter Hall was appointed artistic director in January. His company has been told to vacate

The harsh regime of beatings and ill-treatment forced her to make a plea bargain, she said.

"I just remember it was kind of like – the state I was

Psychiatrists now argue that Beale was "in denial" throughout her pregnancy and in shock after the birth, and needed hospital treatment rather than im-

later named Oliva Ann, in Britain, made it easier to deal with her loss and enabled her to return to her job at the Department of Health.

Kate Watson-Smyth

it by 6 December, They have staged 13 plays since he was ap-pointed, but the first part of the season ran at a loss. The sudden decision to sell has

prompted concerns that Sir Peter was brought in simply to make the theatre "look glamorous again", a view that he himself has voiced. But David Mirvish said yesterday: *Our key concern is that the Old Vic

is the only part of our business activity that is not centred in Toronto." Sir Peter'e company is set to continue next year, under impre-sario Bill Kenwright at a "major West End theatre". A deal is said to be near to completion.



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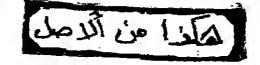
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The search is on for alternatives

to the motor car.

A pamphlet published yesterday by Friends of the Earth suggests that in many European cities, fewer people use cars to get to work or for teisure journeys because alternatives have been made more desirable.

Britain is now about to embark on a search for similar solutions. Later this week, John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, will outline the Goverument's thinking on transport, which will aim to get people out of their cars and into other forms of transport.

If some of the more radical proposals - such as congestion charging or restricting the entry of cars to city centres - are introduced, then it will mark the end of a century-long trend in which governments have tried to meet the ever-growing appetite of cars for land space and natural resources.

Friends of the Earth reckons we need urban areas to have the cycle networks of Dutch cities like Groningen, the public transport systems of Zurich and the pedestrianisation of Nuremberg."

It is a scenario that Mr Prescott would envy, but he does have one thing in his favour. Unlike other government initatives which are hamstrung by strictures on public spending, there may well be considerable sums of money available to improve transport. Lynn Sloman, deputy director of Transport 2000, said: "There's lots of ways that the Government can raise money from transport, as long as it manages to convince the Treasury that is should be allowed to recycle the money for transport schemes."

The most obvious source of revenue would be road pricing, charging motorists to enter city centres and charging local residents an annual fee for the right to have a car. But there are plenty of other potential new taxes. Car park spaces for employees could be taxed, both to deter their use and to raise money. Employers could be charged a transport tax, as in Paris. which will be used to fund new services. Out of town supermarkets could be forced to levy charges on their car parks, making it more desirable for

people to shop in city centres. The revenue from fines for speed cameras, which currently goes into the general fuod could, instead, he used first to provide more cameras hringing in huge revenues which in turn could be used to fund transport

Although a paper on transport issued by the Labour party when it was in opposition last year ruled out many of these suggestions for extra taxes, Department of Transport sources now suggest that they are all being actively considered again. Public/private partnerships will be encouraged as a way of

funding new public transport schemes such as tram systems and possibly new London Underground lines. Yesterday, Mr Prescott was at pains to point out that the

Government is not anti-car, as suggested in leaks of his plans

put out by the pro-motoring lob-

The Manchester effect

The 19-mile tram system from Bury to Altrincham has succeeded in getting Mancunians put of their cars and on to public transport, a key aim in the Government's transport strategy.

The £150m Metrolink (right) which goes through the city centre, has been

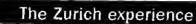
very successful, with 13.4 mil-lion users last year. This is al-most double the number who used to use the old rail service linking the two towns hefore the tram service was opened five years ago.

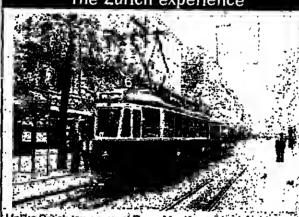
According to surveys con-ducted by Metrolink, about e quarter of those passengers would otherwise have used their cars for those journeys. Moreover, peak traffic on roads from Bury and Altrincham into Manchester has gone down by 6 per cent since the opening of the line.

The success has prompted expansion of the line, but the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority has had difficulty in obtaining funding. After a lengthy delay,



work has just started on a £130m four-mile extension to Eccles, via Salford Quays. The scheme is a public/private pertnership. Planning approval has been obtained for two more extensions - 15 miles to Oldham and Rochdale, and 13 miles to the airport - but no money is yet available,





ropean cities retained their 100-year-old tram networks, which are now enjoying a renaissance and play a key role in their transport systems. In Zurich (above), the tram

is king. When a tram approaches a traffic light, it triggers off a green signal ensuring it does not have to wait. The trams mostly take up road space which only buses and, sometimes, taxis, are allowed to use. They are always kept clean.

Strict regulations Swiss self-discipline - ensure that cars do not park in the narrow streets and block the rails. And most important the trams always run on time. muting in any other way."

Unlike British towns, most Eu- Most are scheduled to operate every 7.5 minutes, with 5 minute intervals at peak times. The whereabouts of every tram is monitored constantly. through sensors, and if there is a hold-up, spare trains are kept in sidings to bridge tha gaps, ensuring there are no delays to passengers According to Richard

Helerli, the former municipal engineer of the city, the image of the trams is in sharp. contrast to the British view of public transport - "Anyone who does not use the tram tends to be regarded as out of touch. Leading figures from economic and academic life would not consider com-

by, and he is keen to ensure that if curbs are put on car use, then improved public transport links must be in place to give motorists a viable alternative.

However, as he holds both the Transport and Environment portfolios, he is conscious that the damaging effects of the continued rise in car use cannot be allowed to continue.

The suggested ways of getting people out of their cars, many of which will be put forward in the Green Paper to be published this week, range from the small and cheap to the mega-project. In residential areas, trafficcalming measures and the widespread use of 20mph zones could lead to schoolchildren being able to walk or cycle to school again rather than having to be driven by parents.

Entry to busy motorways by private cars could be restricted, iving priority to trucks, while Mr Prescott is known to favour pedestrianisation schemes in

to codorse the targets for qua- the Earth, £6 95.

drupling the use of cycling by the year 2012, and a growing number of Labour MPs favour the setting of targets for reducing traffic, as put forward in a Private Members Bill by Welsh Nationalist and Green MP, Cynog Dafys. The previous government passed the Road Traffic Reduction Act, which requires local councils to examine ways of reducing traffic.

There could be a much greater emphasis on special lanes for buses, which are used by far more people than trains, but are considered the Cinderella sector of public transport because of their poor image. If buses were shown to be more reliable and punctual, then, according to surveys, many motorists would be prepared to forego their cars.

Roger Higman, transport coordinator of Friends of the Earth, said: "We know what needs to be done. It's a matter of the Government doing it." win centres.
The Government is expected Christian Wolmar, Friends of



Two wheels better than four: A cyclist in Regent's Park, central London, yesterday

Man named by police in hunt for serial rapist

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

Police are hunting a serial rapist who is believed to have attacked four women in Lon-

don, it was disclosed yesterday. The alleged victims came forward after Scotland Yard took the unusual step of issuing the name and photograph of Ernest Asamoah, 31, who detectives are looking for in connection with the rape of a 17-year-old Italian tourist. Po-

uses a serial of false names, is still living in London. The Italian student was in a coma for five days after she jumped from a second-floor flat in Stoke Newington, north London, to escape from her at-

lice believe Mr Asamoah, who

Scotland Yard revealed last tacker. week that Mr Asamoah, who was born in Ghana, had been questioned after the attack, but

was released. Since issuing details of the incident, three other women have contacted the police claiming they had been victims between

May and July. In each case, they claim to have been lured back to the home of a man in Stoke Newington.

The police warned yesterday that the alleged serial rapist was "very plausible and charming" and preyed on students and older women.

In two separate cases, a woman was allegedly befriended by a man while travelling on a night bus and agreed to go back to his home and a second womeo was persuaded to go back to a man's flat after meeting him in Finsbury Park. One women was allegedly raped and the other indeceotly as-

In a third incident, a man befriended two women while out walking and asked them back to his home for a drink. Once they arrived at his flat in Stamford Hill, Stoke Newington, only one of the women was allowed

When the second started to shout for help, the man threatened her with a kitchen knife. She continued to call for assistance and two men came to her Apenteng.

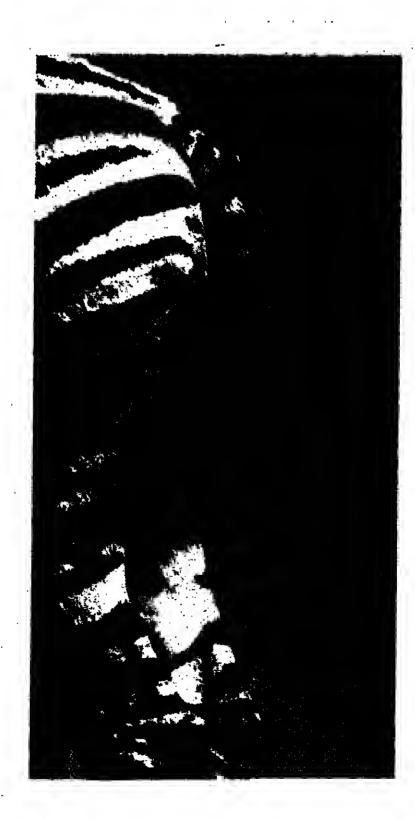
aid. The woman trapped inside the flat managed to escape as the two men scuffled with her alleged assailant

A police spokeswoman said: "We issued a two-fold appeal for help to find Asamoah and to hear from other women who had been attacked. We are now investigating four possible cases; two of rape, one of indecent assault and one of unlawful imprisonment

These women ... have helped us form a clearer picture of the serial attacker and the way he operates. He has attacked students and older women. He is obviously very lausible, charming and friend-

Mr Asamoah, a kitchen assistant who has worked in restaurants in Chelsea, Fulham and central London, is said to frequent the West End.

He uses a string of aliases including Samson Mensah, James Awaley, Ernest Amos. Ernest Asamiah and Paul Kofe Mensah. He also uses the first names Yaw, Ofsh-ene and



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MP faces action over suicide case



Political Correspondent

A Labour MP faces disciplinary action over claims that he took part in a whispering campaign against a colleague which may

have helped drive him to suicide. Tommy Graham, the member for Renfrewshire West, was named along with the party's former deputy chief whip, Don Dixon, in a note left by the Pais-ley South MP Gordon Mc-Master when he killed himself An internal party inquiry

Mr McMaster despite his denial of the claim. It is likely that be could have the party whip susnended, with an announcement possibly as early as today. . Labour officials were suggesting last night that they

wanted to see the affair cleared

up before the launch of Labour'a "yes" campaign on Scottish devolution tomorrow. Party sources in Scotland have claimed that Mr Graham should have been disciplined

into the death is believed to have concluded that Mr Gra-ham had spread rumours about his constituency, but that the whips' office at the time bad failed to act.

The latest inquiry was carried out by the current chief whip, Nick Brown, who received a number of affidavits from par-ty members who swore that Mr Graham bad taken part in a campaign against Mr McMaster, who was suffering from fatigue caused by myalgic encephalitis (ME). Rumours bad circulated that be was gay and might have AIDS. Mr Graham has said

publicly since his colleague's Liam For, wrote an open letter to Tony Blair demanding that he trink problem.

Liam For, wrote an open letter to Tony Blair demanding that he return from his holiday in Eu-

The suicide has also caused old allegations to resurface about politics in Paisley. Mr Mc-Master believed that one reason for his unpopularity was that he had campaigned against drugs gangs in the area along with the Paisley North MP Irene Adams. Mrs Adams had alleged that a company set up with public money had been used to launder drug money.

Last night the Conservatives' Scottish affairs spokesman, Dr retary, Donald Dewar, admit-

rope to sort out the affair. In his letter, he wrote: "Labour'a disarray in the west of Scotland has been allowed to continue unabated for far too long." Re-ferring to similar problems in other areas of Scotland, he added: "We were told that the situation in Monklands, Glas-. gow and Govan were all special

a credible excuse." Meanwhile the Scottish Sec-

circumstances. That is no longer

impact of the Paisley crisis on the devolution vote. "Clearly there is a problem. Clearly I am concerned and worried, because I read the newspapers like everyone else," he said. But he hoped Scots would recognise the devolution debate

was about a "great matter of principle" - of how Scotland should be governed. "I will want to the best of my ability to argue that case. But the distrac-tions and the difficulties ... are obviously a matter of worry."



Mir crew shut off power as station spins

Helen Womack Moscow

The Russian-American team on Mir vesterday shut down all but its most vital life-support systems to save energy after a computer failure disoriented the ailing 11-year-old space station. An official at Mission Control spoke of the complex "chaotically spinning" But displaying the most remarkable sang-froid, he said that there was no immediate danger to the crew.

Russians glued to the space drama had just breathed a sigh of relief at a tea-time television report of a successful docking operation when a later bulletin brought them a fuller picture and more bad news. The docking of a Progress cargo craft to Mir had had to be done manually, it turned out, because of a computer failure, which had implications for the whole station.

"We have turned off all energy con-suming equipment and left only life support operations," said Vladimir Solovyov, a senior official at Mission Control. It was likely to take 24 bours to correct the computer malfunction and until then Mir would be "chaotically spinning", he said. Kathleen Maliga, a guest from Nasa at Russian Mission Control, commented: "It's a situation that we're watching carefully but we are not worried."

As a result of the latest set-back, the crew will not now be able to go ahead tomorrow with plans to repair Mir's Spektr module, which was damaged during a clumsy manual docking of another Progress cargo craft in June. The station has been running on half power since the hump to the module, which had to be disconnected

from the rest of the station. Mir gets its energy from the Sun, whose rays hit the solar panels all over its outer surface. The loss of Spektr meant the loss of the energy that its panels contributed. Now that the whole station is disoriented, even fewer of the Sun's rays are being cap-

Anatoly Solovyov, the highly experienced commander of the crew, which also includes Pavel Vinogradov and Michael Foale, may be able to correct Mir's position in relation to the Sun. They could use the thrusters on the Progress cargo craft and the Soyuz transport rocket which brings the spacemen up and takes them back to the Earth. But this is not a long-term solution; and it is essential the computer is fixed if the station is not to be evacuated. As well as the computer, the oxygen generating and humidity recycling systems have been playing up on Mir which, when it was launched in 1986, was only supposed to serve for five years. The Russians are hoping that, if the repairs are a success, they can keep the orbiting banger going until a new international space station is ready next century.



Leading article, page 13 Weighty training: American astronaut David Wolf, guided by frogmen, floats down to a mock-up of Mir in a water tank at Star City Photograph: AP

BP to sue Greenpeace for £1.4m

Kate Watson-Smyth

British Petroleum has begun a £1.4m damages action against the environmental pressure group Greenpeace and four of police moved in to evict them. Greenpeace had begun landof an oil installation, it emerged

The company has issued a summons against the group and is seeking damages for losses following the "unlawful activities" of protesters during the week-long occupation off the Shetland Islands. A spokesman for Greenpeace said last night that the writ threat-

ened the future of the group. Those named in the summons, issued by the High Court in Edinburgh, are two senior directors of the group, Sarah Burton and Chris Rose, The others are the campaigner Liz Pratt and the captain of the MV

Greenpeace John Castle. Gerry Doyle, a spokeswoman for the group, said last night: This could threaten the very future of our organisation."

He said a "schedule of arrestment" had been issued from the Edinburgh Court of Sessions, seeking £1.4m from the group and the four members and "all moveable things in your bands belonging or obtaining to them".

Scotland and a hearing for an interim interdict is due to be

held before the court today. The tast five protesters left the installation on Sunday after ing activists on the rig on 9 August as it set out to hegin testing work in the Foinaven field off

the west coast of Scotland. It was part of a campaign to highlight alleged climate change

by the pressure group.

Chris Rose said: "BP made
£1.5bn in its first six months of the year - it makes more in profit in 48 hours than Greenpeace receives income in a year. BP is trying to use its financial and legal muscle to crush defence of the environment. BP may try to take away our moocy and our supporters' money - but that will not make BP right and it will not absolve them of responsibility for their role in global environmeotal pollution.

"BP is leading the world in the wrong direction by opening up fossil fuels that the climate cannot sustain - but it would rather close down Greenpeace than ... invest in solar power." A spokesman for BP said:
"We bave begun proceedings against Greenpeace Ltd and other individuals in concern with unlawful activities on the It was addressed to the rig and for the financial loss that

Girl accused of lies over attack

An English tourist allegedly attacked by five British soldiers in Cyprus broke down in tears yesterday when a defence lawyer said her "lies" could send an innocent man to prison. Tassos Katsikides, defending

one of the soldiers, Roger Bell, called Claire Harbour a liar on at least 10 occasions in cross-examination in a Cypriot court. The five soldiers are charged

with causing grievous bodily harm and actual bodily harm to Ms Harbour and two other English holidaymakers. They all

deny the charges. Mr Tatsikides said Ms Harbour, 22, started the incident outside an Ayia Napa disco earlier this month which left her boyfriend, Barry Ford, with cracked ribs, a broken wrist and a face wound, and Shane Bell

with a fractured jaw. Ms Harbour, of Lee Green, south-east London, burst into tears when Mr Katsikides victim. He said: "I put it to you that the accused was assaulted by you and Barry Ford, especially

Barry who was out of control. Ms Harbour said: "I was pulled by my hair while Barry was kicked and punched." But Mr Katsikdes said Ms Harbour. a nursery nurse, was only worried about the £25,000 damages she is claiming as damages. Ms Harbour denied this. Mr Ford, a quantity surveyor, and Mr Bell, a car mechanic, both 23,

are claiming similar amounts. Another English tourist, Sasha Wright, 20, also gave evidence yesterday about the at-tack, in which her boyfriend Danny Lambert, 23, tried to intervene. She said eight men took it in turns to punch and kick Mr Ford on the floor.

The five accused arc Roger Bell, 26, Tim Carter, 27, Steven Wolstencroft, 26, Steven Girvan, 20, and Stuart Spencer, 20, all from the 1st Battalion King's Regiment stationed at Dhekelia Garrison in Larnaca. The tri-

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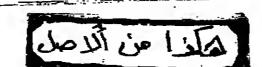


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Father, 11, hides as pregnant girl faces the music

The families of an 11-year-old boy and the 15-year-old girl he made pregnam were last night struggling to come to terms with the fact that the youngsters

were having a haby.
Theresa Stewart and her son, Sean, 11, oow Britain's youngest known father, have gone into hiding while the mother-to-be, Emma Webster, 15, braved the media with her parents.

Emma, who lives next door to Sean in Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire, said she only found out how young he was when she told his mother she was expecting his baby. She was, she said, angry with Sean for giving her the impression that he was the same age as her. The fact

that he attends Margaret Beau-fort Middle School in Riseley had apparently not made her suspicious.
"It was not until I said I was

pregnant to his mum and his mum turned around and said how can an 11-year-old be the father? that I knew," she said. "I was shocked and I wanted to know why he had lied to me about his age.

But once Emma had overcome the initial shock, she adjusted to the idea of being pregnant and adopted the attitude: "It was my mistake, nothing can change it oow." She has even choseo names for the baby, who will be her parents' first grandchild: Rebecca Jade if it is a girl and Ben Louis if it

She is still seeing Sean, whom she has dated since November, and hopes he will give as much support as he can. Her parents have agreed to look after the baby, which is due in January, when she returns to Sharn-

A spokeswoman for the Family Planning Association described the pregnancy as "an isolated case". She added: "I have never heard of an 11-yearold boy making a girl pregnant ther is before," Records reveal the older. ages of young mothers, but not

there was one live hirth to an 11year-old and two to 12-yearolds. In most cases of a young girl becoming pregnant the fa-ther is either the same age or

fathers. In 1995, for example, unwell that she discovered she was pregnant. "I thought I might have had a bug or some-thing," she said. "The doctor said the symptoms I had made older. him think I was pregnant and It was only when Emma went the tests were positive,"

and father, Ray, 49, were devastated when they heard that she had been impregnated by an 11-year-old. First, they had thought the "mature-looking" Sean was 14 and, second, they

Putting on a brave face: Schoolgiri Emma Webster, 15, from Sharnbrook in Bedfordshire, who is having a baby. The father ia her 11-year-old next door neighbour, who has gone into hiding Photograph: Stefan Rousseau

having sex. "We didn't realise they were sleeping together until Emma dropped that little bombshell about the baby," said Mr Webster.

Six weeks on, they have ad justed to the news and are impressed by the way the youngsters have handled the situation. "I think they have done everything that could be asked of them," said Mrs Webster, who has, with her husband, discussed the baby with Sean's family.

Sean's mother, Theresa, i said to be unhappy with the sit uation. She reportedly said before disappearing to acunknown address: "He [Sean] is only a child. He doesn't re-ally understand what is going on This has put him under tremen dous pressure. She (Emma) is much more mature and experienced than him, and I worry as any mother would."

Emma, who turns 16 in November, decided to keep the baby after much soul-searching and counselling. Her parents have agreed to take financial responsibility for the baby's upbringing, and are not expecting any contributions from Sean or his family. They do nut, how-ever, intend to hide the situation from the child, who would be told that Sean, who turns 12 in December, was the father. Bedfordshire County Coun-

cil said social workers were monitoring the situation. "We have been in cootact with both sets of families and children involved and we are offering our had oo idea that the pair were support," said a spokesman.

Urgent check-up for ailing Saudi nurses

Steve Boggan

Two British nurses on trial for murder in Saudi Arabia are to receive urgent medical treatment as signs grow that they have already been found guilty of killing an Australian

colleague, Whitehall sources said yesties have agreed to a Foreign Office request for Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauehlan to be seen by a British doctor because of their deteriorating physical and mental condition.

However, while hopes were raised that their "harsh and spartan" treatment at a women's prison in Damman might improve, their legal position remained confused. Their lawyers were told last week that their case had been referred to a higher court, the Cassation Court, a form of appeal court, but they were not told why and they have not been told whether the Saudi court has reached a

Ms Parry, 38, from Alton, Hampshire, and 31-year-old Ms McLauchlan, from Dundee, are said to be suffering from a number of ailments because of their incarceration in poor conditions since December. They were arrested after Yvonne Gilford, 55, was found stabbed to death at the King Fahd medical complex at Dhahran.

Informed sources state that the medical checks may be the precursor to the two women heing freed following a show of clemency by the Saudi

If they have been found guilty of murder then the two women face possible death by behead-



Fears are growing for the health of Lucille McLauchlan (above) and Deborah Parry



ing, whereas another verdict, approximating to manslaughter under British law, would carry a sentence of around five years. However, authorities in Rivadh. according to a senior source, are desperately keen to avoid capital punishment. A jail sentence could lead to the women being freed on medical grounds to receive treatment in Britain.

At the moment, bowever, neither their lawyers nor the Foreign Office know why their case has been referred to the

Rodger Pannone, represent-ing Miss Parry, said: "It could be because the court has found them guilty, moving the case automatically one step along the process, or it could be that the udges have referred the case for clarification on a point of law."

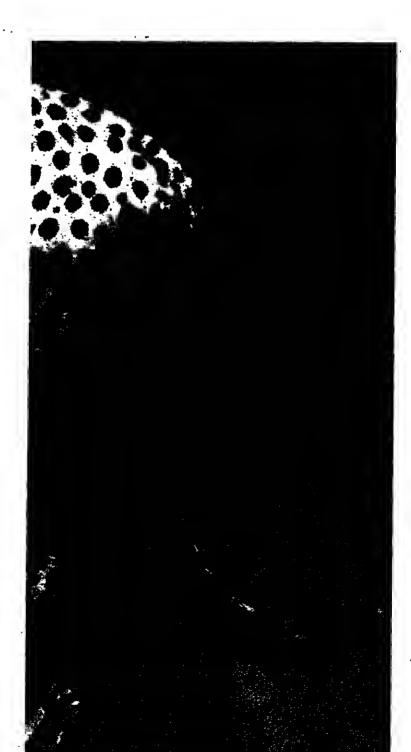
"Neither we nor the Foreign Office have been informed of a

for elarification, the most likely reason is for the higher court, which is presided over by five judges, to examine an Australian court ruling on the case. Under Saudi law, all members of a victim's family have the right to call for the death penalty, but they must be unanimous.

The Australian court ruled two weeks ago that Ms Gilford's mother may not be well enough to make such a decision, as she is in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease. That means that calls for the death penalty by Ms Gilford's brother. Frank, may not be enough in themselves for the court to allow the women to he

Members of the charged nurses' families met lawyers and Foreign Office officials in Manchester yesterday but a Foreign Office spokesman said they had no more information about the reason for the referral to the Cassation Court.

A spokeswoman for the Saudi embassy said she was unable to confirm or deny that the case had been referred to the Cassation Court. Before the women can be executed, the case must elimh to a third court, the Higher Judicial Council, before heing put before King Pahd for his approval. The whole process



Camelot's rival gets the green light

Louise Jury

A rival numbers game to the National Lottery is legal, a court ruled yesterday, after Camelot, the lottery organisers, brought a private prosecution to

Magistrates at Bow Street Court, London, said the "49s" game, run by Britain's biggest bookmakers, was a fixed-odds bet and not a lottery, and should therefore. he allowed to continue.

The decision confirmed advice from the Crown Prosecution Service that the game did not contravene the 1976 Lotteries and Amusements Act. But spokeswoman for

Camelot, Joanna Manning-Cooper, said the company was disappointed and intended to appeal. This is just the first stage in the process of clarifyshe added.

ing," she added.
The game was introduced in December last year by Lad-

brokes, William Hill and Coral after all bookies reported severe losses because of competition from the National Lottery. Punters bet at fixed odds on whether up to five numbered balls will be among six chosen at random by a machine.

Camelot said it wanted to clarify whether a game very similar to the lottery should be allowed to draw the public - and therefore profits - away from the lottery and the good canses it funds.

But Ronald Bartle, stipendiary magistrate, said: "The predominant aspects of 49s are ofbetting and not a lottery."

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He rejected Camelot's claims that legal costs should be met that legal costs should be met that legal costs should be met prosecution against expert advice.

Afterwards, John Brown, company had claimed it was trying to clarify a legal principle.

Mr Bartle said: "I can't help. coming to the view that this case was essentially about a commercial matter, fundamentally reduce the damage done to whether betting shops should be our business by the lottery."

allowed to draw nunters away from Camelot. I don't think that this type of action should be fi-

Camelot had previously failed to persuade the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney General to investigate the game. Customs and Excise and the Gaming Board had also advised that no public prosecution should be launched. - Mr Barde ordered Camelot to

pay the bookmakers costs of £305,000, as well as their own legal costs, which he indicated would match those of the bookmakers. He said his ruling on

managing director of William Hill and chairman of 49s Ltd. said he was delighted. "49s has been of some help to the bookmaking industry in helping us to



McAlpine's Fusiliers are on the march back to the old country lured by higher wages



A boom in the Irish building trade has brought reverse migration

Alan Murdoch Dublin Louise Hancock and Lucy McDonald

Building sites in Britain face an acute shortage of skilled labour as the Irish army of "McAlpine's Fusiliers" is hired home by higher wages in Ireland's booming

construction sector. The reverse migratinn, of Irish building workers who would traditinually bave looked tn this side of the Irisb Sea for work, is now set to accelerate.

Official figures published yesterday indicate that the Irisb construction boom will run until at least 2003 following a 50 per cent surge in output between 1994 and 1996. Not for nothing is Dublin known as

The move back across the Irisb Sea has been encouraged by Dublin-based firms in recent munths through an advertising campaign funded by their employers association in Britain's irish publications. The move drew 3,000 responses.

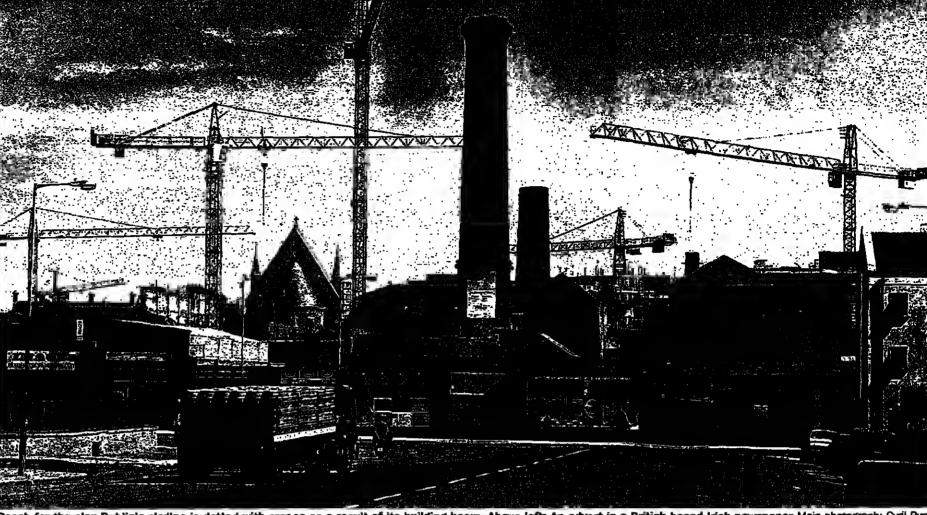
matically from 71,000 two years ago to about 93,000 in April this year. He said "output growth was unprecedented in the histnry of the state, and un-matched in any other EU member". He envisages that the on-site jobs total would pass 100,000 in 2000.

Construction sources said the projections were, if anything, too cautious, putting this year's nutput rise at 8 per cent when the real figure may come closer to 10 per cent.

The boom is across a range

of areas, from major office projects, new hotels, increased council house building, and a surge in new private bousing prompted by the Republic's sustained period of low interest rates (underpinned by oine years of wage accords with unions) and rising employment. Mnre than £500m has been invested in new city-centre apart-ment blocks since the late 1980s. Road-building has bad several years of European

Union-assisted expansion.
The figures from the Irisb Department of Environment The Irish Republic's envi- also point to strong a conronment minister, Noel struction performance in 1998 Dempsey, said on-site employ- and 1999, though slightly below



Reach for the sky: Dublin's skyline is dotted with cranes as a result of its building boom. Above left: An advert in a British-based Irish newspaper Main photograph: Cyril Byrne

Irish navvies have long been an institution on hullding sites in the South of England, with family networks beloing find work for the steady flow of migrants over the decades.

London's Irish builders entered the national culture with songs in their homour, notably the rousing "McAlpine's Fusiliers," sung by Ronnie Drew and The Dubliners.

However, the flow of Irish labour out of Britain, including skilled hricklayers, plasterers and load movers, bas accounted for about 2,000 of the extra 8.000 employed in building in Ireland this year compared with 1996, according to Liam Kellement in Ireland jumped drathis year's exceptional growth. her, director-general of Ire-ing the German boom, after the of a gimmick, as we found that, In Dublin, under productive It has caused a problem here money is.

land's Construction Industry Federation. "That's just the contracting [building] side, and dnesn't include architects and engineers, surveyors, estimators, project planners and IT staff, for whom employment has increased also," Mr Kelleher said. They are also being tar-geted in Britain by Irish firms.

"The outlook is good. People who emigrated in during the boom years in the UK in the late Eighties, are now contemplating returning when they're get-ting married and having kids."

That past trend means the typical Irish worker in Britain is likely to be slightly older than those who took site work durBerlin Wall came down in 1989. An estimated 500,000 workers left the British constructioo sector fullowing the end of the Eighties boom. The precise numbers of returned Irish emigrants among that total is hard to determine. Many projects are sbort-term and may oot in-

volve permaneot moves back. Neglect of training in Ireland during the past 10 to 15 years bas left many unemployed with-in Ireland unqualified to take up current vacancies, according to Paddy O'Sbaughnessy of the Dublin-based Building and Allied Trades Union.

He claimed that Irish builders advertising in Britain "was a hit while the industry was in a good state, much against the perceptioo of an acute skills shartage there was actually a surplus of bricklayers in the Dublin area early this year.'

Mr O'Shaughnessy said the appearance of English-based workers in Dublin, some with only slight family connections, had occurred only once before during the Irish boom in the late Seventies. "Sisks, one of the higgest contractors bere, recruited a lot of brickdayers in the North-west of England. The [Irish] employers simply haven't been recruiting enough young people in the trades of brick-

laying and plastering."

ity-related terms, those trades can now earn rates of £500 a week, slightly ahead of Britisb levels - £11 an hour for bricklayers against £9.50 an hour in

John Ring, business manager of Lutoo-based sub-cootractors Murtagh, said: "People from all over the UK are going over to Ireland: for the money and quality of life. There is a phenomeoal amount of huilding work going on at the mo-ment, parily funded by the EU. particularly roads.

From 1996 we noticed ads in Construction News and the [London] Evening Standard asking people to return to Ireland.

without a doubt. The construction industry is nut of the recession and apprenticeships were cut during the recession, therefore we don't have the new workers coming through, but now we don't have labour to accommodate this. Plus, workers

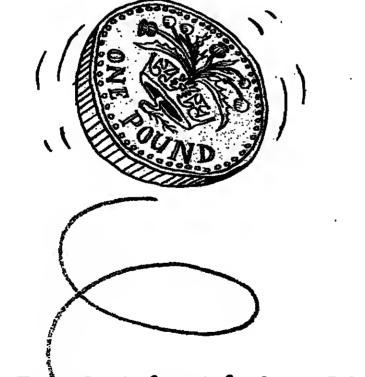
are heading to Germany.*

Keith Banbury, chief executive of the Chartered Institute of Building, said the boom economy in Dublin has meant that "the construction skill trades are getting better than average money in Dublin at the moment. That is having a knock-on effect in terms of skill shortages in the UK mainland. Penple will go where the

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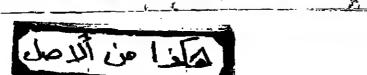
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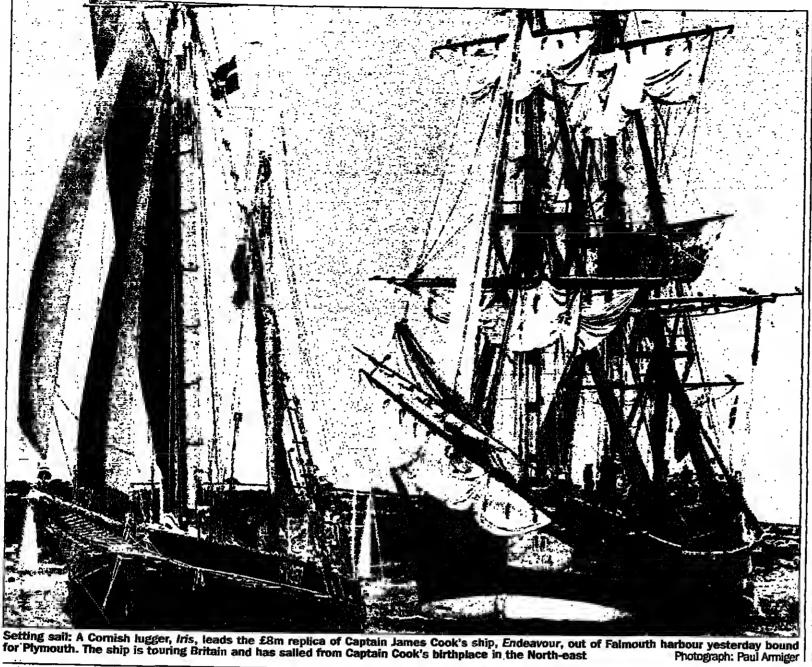
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Major pitches in to cricket academy row

John Major joined in the row over Labour's decision to exclude cricket from its planned academy of sporting excellence yesterday, describing the move as "a huge error" that could lead to the game being ambushed by satellite television.

The former prime minister spoke out with the support of Conservative Central Office after returning from holiday in France and reading of the plans with dismay.

Mr Major, a devoted and

knowledgeable cricket fan, issued a statement in which he said Labour's plans for the £100m centre to concentrate on Olympic and non-commercial sports instead of rugby, cricket and football showed how little the Government knew about

the country's sporting heritage. Yesterday, Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, met Lord MacLaurin, chairman of the English Cricket Board, in an attempt to defuse what is growing into a major embarrassment for the Government, Lord MacLaurin had challenged Mr

must remain on terrestrial television if it was to be excluded from the academy. That way, cricket could afford to fund its

own academy, he said. On the BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Mr Smith refused to rule out that option, causing consternation among armchair cricket fans who do not have satellite dishes and leading some observers to question Tony Blair's continuing cosy relationship with Rupert Murdoch, owner of the BSkyB satel-

lite television company. In his statement, Mr Major said: "The Labour Government have made a huge error in excluding cricket, rugby and football. They should admit their mistake now and reverse the policy before it makes a mockery of our nation's sporting amhitions.

What the Labour Government has done is to take out those sports which are at the heart of the nation, The pride that the whole nation feels over the success of the British Lions and our teams at Euro 96 should be recognised through a place in the sporting academy."

During his meeting with

Lord MacLaurin, Mr Smith said cricketers would be allowed to use some of the academy's facilities - such as sports science and medicine - and he invited the English Cricket Board to ap-ply for lottery money to fund its own academy. The ECB had al-ready published blueprints for

a centre of excellence. Mr Major, however, was not impressed. "The offer of future lottery money is simply a figleaf to cover their embarrassment at excluding this sport from the academy," be said.

After his meeting with the ECB, Mr Smith said he planned to meet the authorities again with the English Sports Council to discuss the cricket acad-emy plans forward. "The board have also promised to let me have their views on the review of the current list of sporting events made available for gen eral free to air broadcast." he said. "We are both agreed that a proper halance has to be struck between the interests of television viewers who want to see world-class cricket and the interests of cricket as a game in securing its fair share of its financial potential."

Children promised new era in help for learning problems

Health service chiefs yesterday with learning difficulties.

From next month, youngsters with dyslexia and dyspraxto receive all their health and educational care under one

Experts hope the opening of The Dyscovery Centre in Cardiff, funded by the private health care company Healthcall, will mark the start of a new era of improved services for these children and their families.

Up to 10 per cent of children in the United Kingdom suffer from dyspraxia or "clumsy child disorder" which causes problems in language, perception and thought. However, the level of awareness of the condition

One in 25 people is dyslexic

of the hrain - and this is more patients. common in boys than girls.

In the future, the company plans to open a network of treatment in a variety of dif-

Dr Amanda Kirby, director of The Dyscovery Centre, said: The launch of The Dyscovery Centre, the first of its kind, is in response to an acute shortage of service provision for those who encounter special learning difficulties.

We believe that a one-ston shop for assessment, treatment and support for children, adolescents and parents is long

Healthcall decided to set up the centre in a bid to boost the support and help available for children with learning difficulties and their families. Treatment can be gained

- a difficulty in reading and through self-referral, or GPs spelling caused by a condition can buy the service for their

Currently, children with learning difficulties can have to travel long distances to get

At the centre, a team of educational psychologists. speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, behavioural optometrists, physiotherapists and specialist teachers will work together to provide assessment and treatment.

So far, six staff have been signed up but Dr Kirby expects that number to rise once the centre is up and running.

She said: "We have had a lot of calls already from parents of children with learning difficulties who are interested in bringing them to the centre."

Welsh rivals squabble over campaign cash

Rival groups in the Welsh devolution campaigns yesterday turned their attention to financial matters as disagreements surfaced over the amount of money being raised and spent by the "Yes" and "No" camps. The umbrella "Say Yes For

Wales" campaign has already raised £90,000. Yesterday the campaign took space in the Cardiff-based Western Mail to appeal for more. Apart from a £20,000 grant from the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust to meet set-up costs, the campaign has relied on contributions from members of the public.

DAILY POEM

To Christ

By Maureen Sangster

Oh Christ, ye're juist a meenister ye're nae hloody eese tae me Ye winna come an mak ma mither's tea

a stuck up little mannie bawkin oot yer words o Love for God's sake, come doon tae earth an wear the oven glove

fit wye is this. Messiah, that I maun lose ma life carin for ma mither fan ma hrither's got - a wife?

if ye'd come roon on Sunday gie me a helpin hand one shot o handlin the commode an you wid understand

ma life is juist a constant roon o meals and bloody peels if the hand o God is in this, Christ, it's a mystery nae revealed

This poem comes from Out of the Urn, a first collection by Manreen Sangster, who was born in Aberdeen, taught in Nigeria and now lives in Edinburgh. It is published by Scottish Cultural Press at £4.95.

ed by the millionaire Sir Julian Hodge from his home in Jersey. Its spokesman, Matthew Gun ther-Bushell, declined to reveal the extent of Sir Julian's generosity: "We have received a modest contribution from him. Full accounts will be published after the 18 September refer-

Leighton Andrews, for the Yes" campaign, which, like its rival, receives no public funding, said it appeared that the "No" camp's benefactor was spending freely. "We are seekng an additional £20,000 to counter the propaganda that is coming ont. We do not have a wealthy tax exile to bankroll our efforts to bring greater democracy to Wales," he said.

Peter Hain, the Welsh Office ninister, was on the campaign trail again yesterday. He toured the South Wales valleys, visiting Blackwood, Newhridge and Pontypool to build on what he described as the success of a foray in the Rhondda last week.

People have a chance to help defeat the Tories for a second time and win a 'Yes" vote next month," the minister

In North Wales, Jeff Rooker forsook his Birmingham Perry Barr constituency to team up with Martyn Jones, the MP for Clwyd South. They spent some of their time in Llangollen where at this time of the year tourists outnumber the local

Mr Jones said: "An assembly will make sure that North Wales. is not neglected as it was by previous governments."



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Embarrassed Australia tries to calm South Pacific storm

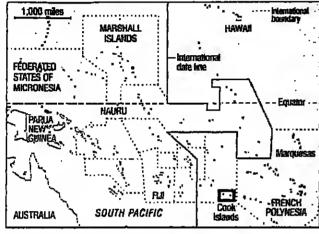
As Alexander Downer, Australia's Foreign Minister, embarked on a visit to the South Pacific, his mandarins at home were preparing to discipline two officials yesterday over the publication of a highly secret government document whose insulting comments about Australia's Pacific neighbours, including New Zealand, have

severely embarrassed Canberra. Prepared by officials in the capital, drawing on Australia's intelligence agencies and marked "top secret", the document described some Pacific island nation political leaders as "crooks", "drunks" and "lickspittle", and made disparaging comments

influence in the Pacific region. The document was drawn up as a confidential briefing paper for Australian ministers at-

tending a conference, in northern Queensland last month, of finance ministers from member countries of the South Pacific Forum. It has so infuriated Fiji that the country's new Foreign Minister, Berenado Vunibobo, announced before Mr Downer's departure for the Pacific last Saturday that he would refuse to receive him. The document made uncomplimentary remarks about Mr Vunibobo personally and about his political style.

Mr Vunibobo relented only after pressure from Sitiveni Rabuka, Prime Minister of Fift. Ten years after leaving the



Plea to join France falls on deaf ears

the lead of unhappy residents junior minister for overseas of the Comnros group, some dissatisfied denizens of French Polynesia are now seeking clos-

Lucien Kimitete, mayor of the South Pacific island of Nuku end to transfirm the Marquesas islands, part of the semi-antonomous French Polynesia, into a full-fledged part of France as an overseas department.

"Polynesia's autonomous status does not inspire our confidence. There is a risk, in our eyes, that the territory could become independent," Mr Kimitete told

territories. But Mr Queyraune tus for Nuku Hiva.

Support for complete independence from France is confined to a vocal minority in Hiva, urged Paris at the week- French Polynesia, which is beavily dependent on French financial support. Department status would mean significantly more aid for the island group.

Two of the three Indian Ocean islands of the Islamic Republic of Compress have recently declared their independence from the republic and asked to return to French rule. blunder in years.

wealth heads of government meeting in Edinburgh in October. Its acceptance requires unanimous endorsement from Commonwealth members. Australia and New Zealand have signalled their willingness to support Fiji's re-admission, and Fin is anxious not to upset its chances by risking a further diplomatic hreach.

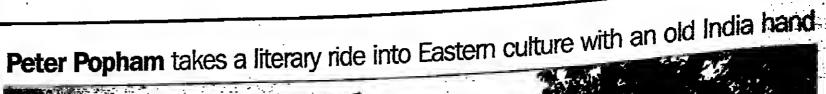
Mr Downer, though, will be welcomed in Suva, the Fiji capital, through gritted teeth Asked about the row before be left Australia at the weekend, he said: "[Mr Vunibobo] wants to put the whole issue of the South Pacific documents behind him and that is certainly the view of the Prime Minister of Fijl We are delighted that the Fiji gov-erument is taking that con-structive view, and I think that

all goes very well for my visit." The document's contents appeared in Australian newspapers after three journalists arrived to register at the July conference in Cairns. When an official went to ohtain their media passes, the journalists noticed documents on the table and picked them up, assuming they were press releases.

The document asserted that New Zealand wanted "to differentiate itself from Australia and "to act in ways which complicate Australian diplomacy". It added that "many officials and politicians in Wellington [the capital] still like to believe that New Zealand, because of its smaller size, [and] links to Polynesia ... is part of the Pacific in a way that Australia is not".

The Marshall Islands, acting chairman of the forum, and the Federated States of Micronesia were headlined as "Imprudent Micronesians". The Cook Islands and Nauru were in a category called "Bottom of the [economic] heap". Papua New Guinea, Australia's northern neighbour, was lumped with two other nations under a heading

The decision to discipline the Canberra officials came after an inquiry into the affair headed by Australia's inspector general of intelligence and security. The Australian press has described the affair as Australia's most serious security





Going doolally in Delhi with a cushy number, a glass of simkin and a plate of rumble tumble

Fifty years after Independence, the burnan relics of the British Raj, those who have hung on in India ever since.

For all its dazzling human variety, India had no natural space for permanent white residents: their connection to the colonial power was so close that, once the Raj had gone, most British people soon followed. The only group with an ostensibly closer bond to the country, the Anglo-Indians, also migrated en masse after Independence. many of them to Australia.

So Nigel Hankin, who has been living in Delhi since 1945, is an exceptional figure. A tall, bony, immensely vigorous man, Hankin was born in Sussex in 1920. He spent the war in the Army in Britain and North Africa, and first arrived in India in July 1945, en route to Burma. The war ended before be could get there, however, and instead he settled in Delhi, working for 10 years in private business, and for the subsequent 20 in the British High Commission, "which is near enough Britain", he says.

"Through all those formative years I

was completely sheltered from India." But, one day, during his years at the High Commission, a seed was planted. A doctor, Sidney Hamilton, newly arrived in Delhi to work at the High Commission, gave Hankin a list of some 20 words which he had encountered in Delhi's English

encountered in Delhi's English
newspapers: what did they mean?
"His problem," Hankin writes in
the Preface of his book HanklynJanklyn, which has just been published
in its third edition, "was nothing new:
almost 150 years ago Sir Charles
Napier had a similar difficulty:
"1844 Handdungter, Yusmahan 1844, Headquarters, Kurrachee,

12th February. The Governor unfortunately does not understand Hindostanee, nor Persian, nor Mahratta, nor any other

eastern dialect. He, therefore, will feel particularly obliged to ... officers ... to indite their various papers in English, larded with as small a portion of the to him unknown tongues as they conveniently can, instead of those he generally receives - namely Hindostanee larded with occasional Hankin set out to answer Dr

Hamilton's questions, and ended up with a life's work. Hanklyn-Janklyn. inspired by Sir Henry Yule's mid-Victorian Hobson-Jobson, is a glossary of words, some Hindi or Urdu, some English, some hybrids, some Indian coinages, which the British visitor will meet if he stays long enough. For this purpose the book is



'In every respect the book is the essential companion for a griffin (a newly arrived European unused to the ways of the East)'

invaluable. Non-English terms spatter the pages of India's English newspapers. Entire front-page stories can hinge on a term that leaves the visitor completely hlank; the application by Bihar's notoriously corrupt chief minister, Laloo Yadav, for "anticipatory bail", for example, Hankin gets to the meat of the matter at once. "A provision unique in the world's judicial codes, whereby in anticipation of a criminal accusation,

a person may apply to a court for bail:

if granted and the charge is made, be will be exempt from police custody."

But Hanklyn-Janklyn is much more than just a glossary. Hankin is not an

academic, and is answerable to no one but himself, and his book is a picaresque collection of rambles through the British experience of the subcontinent. So we learn about the thugees, the gangs of brigands whose deeds of ritual strangulation bornfied Victorian readers, and who were put down through the efforts of Major

General Sir William Sleeman. But we also learn that one village in the beart of Thug country renamed itself Sleemanbad in gratitude, and that as recently as 1989 that was still its name. Hankin tells us the origin of pariah an outcast group of drummers in the south - but also describes the pariahkite, "the bazaar-scavenging raptor and scourge of New Delhi's winter garden limcheon parties".

Hankin bas mined a fabulously rich seam. He tells us about the origins of chit, loofah, hungalow and kedgeree. He takes us through such miseries of the subcontinent as the "brainfever bird", the hawk cuckoo "whose loud screaming call, said by the British to be 'brain-fever, brain-fever' is repeated all day ... during the hot weather", and the bandicoot, the "large and destructive rat ... almost a metre in length, which can get through a hrick wall", and "doolally" from the place above Bombay where "those due for repatriation on medical grounds awaited the troopship", and which became British soldier slang for insanity. But he also gives us nice words: cushy, for example, from the Urdu khush, meaning "happy", rumhle tumble (scrambled eggs) and simkin (Indian servants' pronunciation of "champages")

of "champagne").

Long residence bere has left

Hankin not jaded but scrupulously fairs in the jaded out scrupulously fair; he even has a good word for the pi-dogs that skulk around this country: "if cared for, loyal, hardy and excellent as a watch-dog."

In every respect, Hanklyn-Janklyn is the essential comments for a wife.

the essential companion for a griffin ("a newly arrived European unused to the ways of the East"). Hankin also conducts fascinating tours around Delhi, hut if you can't enjoy one of

those, the book is a good second best. The only thing wrong with the book, in fact, is that it is published by Banyan Books in Delhi - a problem for potential readers in Britain. But it is even more of a problem for Hankin himself, who says that he has not received a statement or a single paise ("the smallest unit of today's currency") in royalties from the company for the second edition (published 1994, and now sold out).

Picey ("mean, miserly") is the only word for this behaviour. Since a bandh ("total shut-down of work") is probably out of the question, a gherao ("the coercion of an official by so encircling his office with a cordon of workers that he is unable to leave") is probably in order. Unfortunately there are not enough British people left in Delhi to carry it out.

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Eight killed as rockets bombard **S** Lebanon

Beirut - It was the bloodiest day since the Israeli massacre at Qana 16 months ago: a young man and his sister blown apart by a bomb - almost certainly left by the Hizbollah - and then, within two hours, the shelling and slaughter of six civilians and the wounding of another 44 in Lebanon's second city of Sidon by members of Israel's proxy "South Lebanon Army" (SLA) miliia. By nightfall vesterday – after promises of revenge from the Hizbollah's south Lehanon commander – Katyusha rockets were exploding across the "capital" of Is-rael's occupation zone in Marayoun and in the mountain town of Jezzine, where another

civilian was reported killed.

The Israelis hastily but vainly tried to shrug off responsibility for the Sidon killings, claiming that their troops were not involved in the artillery bombardment of the city. The mortar shells that crashed onto the busy afternoon shopping streets, however, were fired by the SLA, which is commanded, paid, uniformed and armed by the Israelis. That the militia's discipline long ago crumbled does not -as the Lebanese were pointing out last night -absolve Israel of responsibility for the SLA's actions. The shells they directed at Sidon were proximity rounds, designed to cause amountation wounds, and were of the cause amputation wounds, and were of the same type as those fired into the refugees at

Qana by the Israeli army last year.

There was ample reason to expect SLA retaliation yesterday. The couple killed earlier – 16-year old Jean Nasr and his 12-year old sister - were the children of a senior SLA officer, Assad Nasr, who was himself hlown up this year by the Hizbollah in Jezzine. Although the roadside bomb had probably been planted days ago, the Hizbollah were almost certainly responsible.

Visiting the wards of three hospitals in Sidon where at least 36 civilians were being treated for wounds, Sheikh Nabil Qaouk, the Hizbollah's commander in southern Lebanon, made it all too dear what would follow the Sidon deaths. "Either we have security on both sides or we have none," be said angrily. "The resistance will not be

Robert Fisk on Hizbollah's war with Israel's proxy army

silent and its response will be harsh and painful." A few minutes later, Katyusha rock-ets began falling on Marayoun and Jezzine. At least 10 explosions in the former city sent dozens of Lebanese Christian civilians fleeing their homes to seek shelter with Norwegian soldiers of the nearby United Nations peace-keeping battalion.

And so, after the briefest of ceasefires.

southern Lebanon was yesterday again on the edge of open war. The live-power truce committee, which met last week to condemn both Israel and the Hizbollah for recent ceasefire violations, is already collapsing amid increasing acrimony. At its latest meeting, General David Taur, the Israeli delegate, approached General Adnan Balloul, the Syrian representative, with a suggestion that the United States and French delegates to the committee should be ignored in resolving further problems. General Belloul exploded in anger and threatened to walk out of the committee - a step only avoided after Dennis Ross, President Bill Clinton's senior Middle East negotiator. apparently pleaded with Mr Balloul on the ephone to remain in his seat.

The SLA has been suffering increasing reverses over the past six months. Up to onethird of its militia have deserted to the Beirut government or to the Hizbollah guerrilla movement while its existing ranks are packed with informers. In some military positions, the SLA are even forwarned to leave their fortresses by the Hizbollah - so that only Israeli occupation troops should fall victim to mortar attacks. The SLA's actions yesterday, however, are going to draw the Israelis back into the war since no one, least of all the Hizbollah, is going to believe that the Israelis do not control their own proxy militia.



Bloody revenge: A man and his mother running to escape the shelling of Sidon by Israel's proxy South Lebanon Army yesterday. At least eight shells hit the city, killing six people and wounding 44 Photograph: Mohamed Zatari/AP

Netanyahu releases withheld tax revenue

Eric Silver Jerusalem

Having resisted the stick of Israeli sanc-tions for three weeks, the Palestinians were unappeased yesterday by a first chunk of carrot tossed their way by Benjamin Netanyahu. The Israeli Prime Minister announced that his Government was releasing 30 per cent of the tax revenues withheld from Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority since the 30 July suicide bombing which killed 14 Israeli civilians in a Jerusalem market. The ban on up to 100,000 Palestinian day labourers crossing to Israel remains in force, however.

Israel collects about \$500m a year in

VAT, income and other taxes on Mr Arafat's behalf. This covers about 55 per cent of his hudget for the two mil-lion Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. An Israeli statement said yesterday's decision was reached following the Palestinians "partial" co-operation in investigating the bombing and their swift arrest of three car thieves who murdered an Israeli taxi driver last week. The Palestinians have also given Israel samples from a Hamas bomb factory uncovered near Jerusalem. Israeli forensie scientists are now checking whether the explosives were the same as those used in the market

Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian Cabinet Minister, accused Mr Netanyahu of continuing to behave like an occupying power. "We are still demanding the release of all the funds and an end to the closure," she said. "These are Palestinian funds. They cannot use our money as a means of intimidation and

The Israelis insist, however, that the threat of terrorism leaves them with no choice. "We have to fight terror," Moshe Fogel, a government spokesman, said. "We expect the same of the Palestinian authority. At the first sign of cooperation, we have responded in kind."

The Israeli insurance industry is waiting, meanwhile, to see whether co-operation in combating the crossborder trade in stolen cars will continue. The Insurance Agents' Association reported yesterday that 21,448 cars were stolen in the last six months, a 29 per cent increase on 1996. The Association's executive director, Moshe Ben-Eliezer, estimates that thieves will have taken 45,000 vehicles by the year-end.

Yeltsin ready to negotiate **Chechen autonomy**

Chechen leader Aslan Maskhadov said yesterday that he was pleased with talks with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and said he had high hopes of negotiating formal

independence for his breakaway republic.

"Today I saw in Boris Nikolayevich a man who is really aware of the need to solve the problems of the last 400 years," Mr Maskhadov said. Russian news agencies earlier quoted Mr Yeltsin as saying he was ready to negotiate a long-term political deal with Chechnya, suggesting widereaching autonomy along the lines of that granted in 1994 to Tatarstan, a mainly Moslem republic, like Chechnya, on the Volga River in central Russia. Reuters - Moscow

Armed gangs attack in Freetown

Clashes broke out between civilians and hundreds of former rebel fighters who armed themselves with macbetes, grenades and automatic rifles to prevent a march in the Sierra Leone capital by opponents of a May coup. Civilians fied to escape the gangs who now call themselves the People's Army and work alongside junta soldiers and police. There were no immediate reports of casualties, but many people were beaten, kicked and thrown into military vehicles.

False Algerian police kill family

A group of armed men disguised as policemen set up a false roadblock, then killed a family of seven in western Algeria. No one claimed responsibility for the attack near Oran, but it bore the hallmarks of Islamic militants. Witnesses said the killers had put a note on the chest of one of the victims, warning of "new acts of punishment against the impious ones".

Cambodia's king says he'll stay

Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk said he had decided not to abdicate, but also vowed not to return to the political arena in his troubled nation. "After having weighed the pros and cons for many nights, I decide to remain as king for some time longer, he said. Opponents of Second Prime Minister Hun Sen, who seized power last month, had called Reuters - Peking for Sihanouk to abdicate.

Kenya death toll rises to 35

The bodies of two Kenyan policemen were found in a hospital mortuary south of Mombasa, raising the death toll to at least 35 since last Wednesday, hospital sources said. The Kenya Tourist Board said no foreign tourists had been involved in the violence.

Vietnamese jail rebel soldier

A former South Vietnamese soldier who continued to fight the Communists long after the fall of Saigon in 1975 has been sentenced to 10 years in prison. The People's Court in Vung Tau sentenced Nguyen Long Si, arrested last September, for "committing activities aimed at overthrowing the People's government".

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Men should be able to dress as women and walk the streets of the Australian state of Tasmania without fear of arrest, according to a review of the island's 60-year-old police laws. The Tasmanian law reform review has also recommended unhindered operation for fortune tellers recommended unaimoried operation for fortune tellers and beggars. But throwing nightsoil into a river or injuring a homing pigeon will remain offences. Reuters - Sydney

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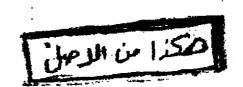
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Arms sales shoot to record high

America takes the lion's share of \$32 billion market

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

The glabal arms market got bigger last year and the United States remained the top international weapons exporter. selling more than Britain and Russia combined, the two countries which vie far second place. But some experts believe the increase in the size of the market was a "hlip", rather than a reversal of the trend, which has been steadily downwards. The British Defence Expart Services Organisation (DESO) predicts the world market will continue to decline by about 15 per cent through to 2000.

The news that the US remains the leader. by far, in global arms exports comes as its



Robin Cook: Wants a more ethical arms export policy

Congress prepares to finalise a new code of conduct on arms exports. The code will determine which countries are eligible to receive US military assistance and arms transfers. The President will have to provide Coogress with a list of countries which meet required standards of democracy and human rights, which participate in the UN register of conventional arms and are not engaged in acts of armed ag-gression. In Britain Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, recal" arms export policy and France has written 10 European

Union defence and fareign ministers encouraging them to follow Britain's lead, But critics of the arms trade remain sceptical, helieving that na-tional interest will always override ethical considerations.

According to the latest report hy the US Congressional Research Service last week, global arms sales totalled \$31.8hn (£19.8bn), out of which sales to developing countries totalled

The US sold \$11.3bn worth of armaments during 1996, compared with Britain's \$4.8hn and Russia's \$4.6 bn. Of the US sales, \$7.3hn worth - 64 per cent went to developing countries. Of these, the higgest customers were India, which haught \$2.5bn worth of arms last year, Saudi Arahia with \$1.9bn, South Korea with \$1,2hn and Indonesia with \$1 bn. There has heen widespread concern about human rights in all these countries - particularly Saudi Arahia and Indonesia.

Andy McLean, of the Saferworld project, which monitors the international arms trade. said "with domestic [defence] procurement budgets decreas ing, pressures are increasing to export weapons to unscrupulous regimes. There is an urgent need for effective international controls to overcome this problem and help ensure that the effects of weapons are considered above short-term commercial interests."

Mr McLean thought the apparent increase in the glabal market was a "hlip". He said:
"The CRS focuses on export agreements and not deliveries. The former figure is always higher because not everything agreed gets delivered."

Russia managed higher sales than the US to developing countries in 1995, but Richard Grimmett, who wrote the report, said this also seemed to have been a hlip because Russia happened to bave concludwith some developing countries that year.



Taking aim: The US is the world's biggest arms exporter but a new code of conduct may limit sales to certain nations ermment claims that defence reginnal balance of power.

Boom: Asia's tiger economies are armed to the teeth

The fastest growing markets for arms are in East Asia and on the Pacific Rim, where military spending is increasing an a par with the dynamic economies of the region. The next largest increases in military spending are in Latin America and Africa, which are increasing slightly. The Middle East is expected in remain the largest arms importing reginn - in particular Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia, although overall exports in the region are Christopber Bellamy.

A country's military hudget is the best indicator of its investment in military power much more so than the size of navies, armies and air forces. This is because the smart money nowadays is on small but well-equipped farces, and large but ill-equipped and ill-trained forces are considered more of a liability than an asset in modern warfare - as Iraq discovered in the Gulf War.

The defence budgets of the "Tiger economies" of Asia and the Pacific have been rising by about 10 per cent per year. Their dynamic economies have enabled them to buy weapons from ahroad and they are also keen to develop their own military industries.

In the long term, this will limit the scope for exporting arms to the Pacific Rim and East Asia. In the mid-term, it will increase the scope for technology transfer deals, but eventually these will help to develop the indigenous arms industries and eventually the scope for these. too, will diminish.

Japan has shown the most dramatic increase in defence spending in the region and now spends more on defence than any other country in the world apart from the US and possibly Russia. In 1995, Japan spent \$56bn on defence – an increase of one-fifth over the previous year - compared with \$37bn for new arms race. Chile, Argenti-France and \$34bn for the UK. na and Brazil are all expected year - compared with \$37bn for

spending is no more than 1 per cent of gross domestic product , many analysts believe the "defence" hudget excludes items which would be classified as military expenditure under Nato

Other countries showing a dramatic increase in military spending are China and the five strongest Asian economies -South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. The London-based Internatinnal Institute for Strategic Studies forecasts that all these countries will see a growth in their defence budgets of 6 to 10 per cent per year - well in excess of glabal economic growth

In 1995, South Korea's mil-

Market forces Top sellers:

US £7bn, UK £3bn. Russia £2.9bn Top buyers (developing countries): India £1.57bn, Saudi

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itary budget increased from \$13.3bn to \$14.4bn - an 8 per cent rise. Singapore's hudget increased by over 20 per cent, from \$3.1bn to \$4bn, and Indonesia's from \$2.3bn to \$2.6bn up 13 per cent. For comparison, India and Pakistan, which dnminate central and South Asia, and both possess highly professional armed forces and are regarded as standing on the "nuclear threshold", have military budgets growing at about

6 per cent each year. The markets in Latin America and Africa are expected to expand slightly. However, the US has recently ended its former ban on the export of high technology arms sales to Latin America and this could spark a Although the Japanese gav-

Military hardware that translates into hard cash

The biggest earnings from international arms sales still come from big, expensive pleces of equipment sald by big, national arms companies with government support - combat aircraft which

change hands for up to \$40m, ships which can cost \$200m, and \$1m for a tank. The biggest arms purchasers among the devel-oping countries, like Saudi Arabia, which spent \$2.5bn last year, tend to buy this type of hardware. Chile is planning to buy \$400m worth of F-16 jet fighters (right) from the US this year,

for example. And with orders like this come valuable packages of training and support. Because developing countries have difficulty paying for such equipment, national governments

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need to under-write loans taken out by the companies selling the equipment, as the DTI'a Export Credit Guarantee Department does for British firms.

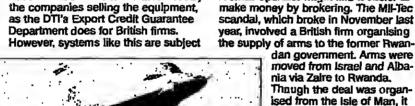
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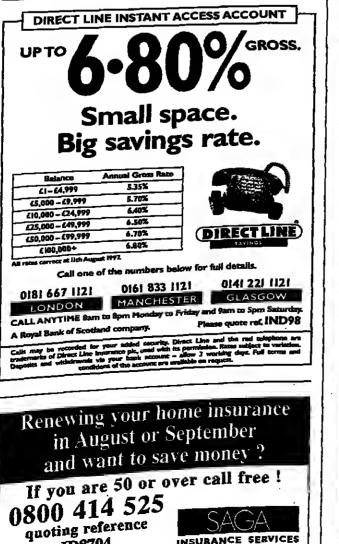
tactical radios, medical supplies and field rations, all largely exempt from controls. As International sanctions Increase, smaller entrepreneurs are likely to switch to this type of trade.

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With the death of Bernard

Wheeler Robinson amateur music-making has lost one of its most loved father figures. His

sic Camp, a powerhouse of am-

ateur music-making whose

Output could eclipse all but the largest of music restivals.

It began in 1927 when a

group of Cambridge friends took a musical holiday togeth-

er, hiring a small village hall at Poynders End near Hitchin in

Hertfordshire and camping io a nearby field with borrowed tents and kitchen equipment.

From these beginnings things just grew. In 1935 Music Camp

acquired its first permanent

base at Bothampstead, in Berk-shire, by which time the pattern

of two nine-day music camps each year was already estab-lished, dented only by the Sec-

sion on such a scale: Robinson

As Music Camp expanded

Robinson delegated more and

more of the organising, until by the mid-1980s it could function

effectively without him. But his

spirit remained everywhere, and

the ethos was the one he had de-

Robinson managed to bring

Music Camp began, playing even the symphonies of

Beethoven was an adventure; by

the time Robinson was taking

a hack seat in the 1980s

Campers were mounting their

own Ring cycle and tackling scores like Messiaen's Turan-

Robinson was committed to

amateur music-making and in-

dignant that what he described as "the mainstay of music, the

vehicle of its existence, histor-

ically and financially, the medi-

um in which it develops" got so little attention. With typical re-

solve he set out to survey this

unquantifiably vast area, producing in 1985 his idiosyncrat-

ic book, An Amateur in Music.

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Henry Wheeler Rohinson, but

his own unquenchable search

for truth and endearingly child-

like curiosity drew him not to

He was the son of the dis-

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liberately fostered. The music-

never did.

religion, but via mathematics (0

physics – new, challenging and exciting. After university [Timity College, Cambridge), he stayed in Cambridge, working in the 1920s on Ernest Ruther-ford's team of the Cambridge.

ford's team at the Cavendish

Laboratory, and then spent nine years under Sir William Bragg at the Davy-Faraday Lab-

oratory of the Royal Institution

on X-ray crystallography. In the late 1930s Robinson was se-

nior lecturer at the Military Col-lege of Science at Woolwich.

During the Second World

War he spent three years at the

Royal Aircraft Establishment at famborough, followed by two years at the Ministry of Aircraft Production. After the war he designed medical equipment at the Medical Research Council's

laboratory io Hampstead for

three years before moving in

David Allford

In an age when famous architects become superstars, it is easy to forget that media personalities are unreliable indicators of architectural abilities. David Allford was not a media personality – although a lead-ing architectural journalist remembers him "growling splendidly into the microphone" in a recent radio broadcast when they were both panellists - yel most people in this country have probably experienced a building where his hand can be detected. Among them are Gatwick Airport, several large hospitals including St Thomas' in London and Hull Royal Infirmary, numerous comprehensive schools and offices, Warwick University and Cole Brothers department store in his home town of Sheffield.

The Welfare State posed new problems for architects. Mass housing, hospitals where healthcare was a right rather than a luxury or a charitable gift, comprehensive schools, new universities and novel huilding types like airports were all unfamiliar territory. Each demanded a new image, just as much as they needed new patterns of organisation. Allford's achievement as an architect was to identify strands in modernist architecture whose forms lent themselves to new functions and to sophisticated and inno-

vative aesthetic expression. Like many architects of his generation, Allford was introduced to the clean, white forms of modern architecture, and its Utopian promise of a better society, through F.R.S. Yorke's book *The Modern House*, first published to 1934. When he graduated from Sheffield Uni-

eight years earlier with the brilliant though lugubrious Czech émigre Eugene Rosenberg and the sunnier-natured Anglo-Finn Cyril Sjostrom Mardall. Ynrke himself had been a member of the architectural avant-garde since the 1930s, but also had something of the English yeoman about him, enjoying country pursuits and hreeding prize-winning cattle.

Allford remained all his career at Yorke, Rosenberg and Mardali. or YRM, as the firm was later known, becoming a partner in 1958, senior partner in 1975 and chairman on its flotation in 1987. He retired on his 62nd hirthday two years later. Initially working within the

three distinct paths set out by the firm's founders, Allford soon started to introduce crisp rational forms derived from the American work of Mies van der Rohe. These were published in England in the early 1950s and offered younger architects an alternative model to the freer "people's detailing" idiom of the Festival of Britain. In adding a new dimension to the work of YRM, Allford found common cause with another young architect who joined the firm shortly after be did and who also stayed for his whole career, Bryan Henderson. They gradually synthesised the disparate elements of the firm, refining its design sources and ideas and developing its operational methods. As a result it became a powerful corporate force in the

world of architecture. One morning, after a heated argument about some aspect of combined ingenuity to dispatch Gatwick's design with Yorke, the unwarranted intruder. Allford was called ioto his emgraduated from Sheffield Uni-versity in 1952, he found a joh in the firm Yorke had founded going to be sacked or offered a many firms to seek work abroad, pastiche.



partnership. Yorke, fortunately, was a shrewd judge of char-acter and valued Allford as a friend and drinking companion, as well as an architect. Several years later, after Yorke's pre-mature death in 1962, Allford and Henderson, by then also a partner, went to Finland to seek out the legendary architect Alvar Aalto, who was a friend of Yorke's for similar reasons. To their surprise, they found another English architect there, not a drinker and calling Aal-to "lieber meister". Aalto iotimated that he could hardly get drunk to front of someone who addressed him as Frank Lloyd Wright had addressed his mentor Louis Sullivan. It took their

The 1970s and 1980s saw

especially in the Middle East, while the boom of the 1980s led to a deterioration of design standards. YRM responded to both challenges by strengthening their core principles. Their work in the Middle East, such as Sultan Qaboos University in Oman, responded to the desert climate without resorting to pastiche - and helped them to win a Queen's Award for Export Achievement, while their offices of the 1980s were as refined as they had ever been, as the firm's own offices on Britton Street to Clerkenwell - simple, restrained, minimal modernism - demoostrated. One of Allford's last designs was a competition entry for the Grand Buildings site in Trafalgar Square. It came sec-ond, and he was disappointed that the winner replicated the undistinguished 19th-century facade. Allford always disliked

A long career, prodigious memory and sense of fun made Aliford a great raconteur, a skill he shared all the more readily when it accompanied food, wine and cigars. Unlike many architects of his calibre, he had many interests and friends outside his profession - of whom one, Alistair McAlpine, claims some credit for his conversion from socialism to capitalism. That in itself was often a starting point for sharply characterised reminiscence, of the absurdities of student politics in the 1940s or local government

behaviour of the 1960s. He owned some fine paintings, including one by Le Corhusier which gave him great pleasure. In conversation he could refer to film, French literature which he had studied as a subsidiary subject at univer-sity, or just gossip; he enjoyed discussing architecture, but not

Photograph: Warren Gordon / Arcald

so much as discussing sport Even his beloved Sheffield Wednesday, which he supported from childhood, though, took second place to his wife Beryl and four children. The death of the eldest, Jane, last year upset him deeply. Fortified by the remaining family circle, his friends and his own totellectual resources, he was beginning to come to terms with it when he died suddenly, the day after he had heartily enjoyed himself at the wedding of one of his son's friends.

David Allford, architect: born Sheffield 12 July 1927; Partner, Yorke, Rosenberg and Mardall (later YRM plc) 1958-75, Joint Serior Partner 1975-87, Chairman 1987-89; CBE 1984; married Beryl Roebuck (one son, two daughters and one daughter deceased); died London 10 August 1997.

ond World War years. In 1963 Robinson and family moved to Pigotts, Eric Gill's 1949 to the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington, where he was Superintendent of the Applied Physics Division unformer house, on the beech-ringed top of a hill near High til his retirement in 1964. Wycombe. Music Camp moved The surface appearance of there three years later, to find not only space to expand, but af-ter 1976 the possibility of indoor accommodation for smaller parties, making weekend events feasible in all but the depths of the Chilterns winter. Sooner or later you or I would have grown at best uncomfortable at inva-

making was paramount: those who attended were expected to make it their first priority. Conanyone or anything held little to the way of interest or distraction for him; he was interested soleditions were kept basic, not to say Spartan, which had two ly in substance. This, combined with his personal modesty and marvellous effects: stressing the total lack of ceremony, won him music and sense of communing many devoted friends. It also informed everything he did. In his with friends; and encouraging the young and, more imporviolin-playing, for instance, he tantly, young to spirit.

All work was to be shared acquired just enough technique to get him through the literature equally, not just chores like and to penetrate directly to washing up, scruhling and cleaning but even carpentry and brick-laying; this fostered a sense of belonging rarely found the heart and mind of some of the greatest music ever written. It was the same with whatever he put his hand to. Many friends in such a large musical organireceived gifts of recycled joinsation. It is a testimony to the ery, assembled with ingenuity, imagination, care and almost no family spirit of Music Camp that

there are so many second and even third-generation Campers. regard for final appearance. In 1933 Robinson married And the spirit goes on: the 132nd Camp takes place at the end of this month. Alice Dodds, a gifted musician and pianist. Some eighteen months after her death in 1958 he married the cellist Elizabeth the hest out of almost anyone: Orloff-Davidoff, a daughter of what an event looked like, or Lord Howard de Walden. sounded like, wasn't nearly so Robinson had a somewhat oldimportant as what you brought fashioned attitude to women, to it and what you got out of it. treating them with courtly respect rather than as equals, The philosophy paid off. When though any that demonstrated practical or organisational abilities was quickly accorded the

status of an honorary man. It was not so much failing health that marred his final years as the increasing deafness which began to cut him off from the companionship of friends and from the music he had done so much to foster. And, inevitably, came the losses of many dear and close friends from the early days of Camp. But there were compensations: in his eighties came the grandchildren who, literally, gave him a new lease of life.

David Mather

Bernard Wheeler Robinson, physicist and musician: born 6 June 1904: married 1933 Alice Dodds (died 1958; one son), 1960 Elizabeth Orloff-Davidoff (died 1976); died Speen, Bucking-hamshire 7 July 1997.

Ruth Dyson

pianists of her generation who turned to the harpsichord at a time when, despite the efforts of pioneers like Arnold Dolmetsch, it was still regarded as quaint" by the establishment. She was not only a fine performer on piano, harpsichord, clavichord and virginals, but also a distinguished professor, adindicator, lecturer and author.

Dyson studied piano with the legendary Kathleen Long at the Royal College of Music and it was on hearing her teacher play haroque music on the piano that she became interested in the music of that the fine collection of early keyboard instruments at the RCM which further inspired her interest. Eventually she bought her own Goble harpsichord and gave her first Wigmore recital on that instrument in 1941.

During the Second World War, she did auxiliary nursing under the Red Cross, taught music to evacuee children and made endless tours giving concerts in factories, military camps

After the war she continued her career as both planist and harosichordist. She played piano concertos with most of the main orchestras in the UK and gave frequent solo recitals on both instruments. She also undertook many European tours sponsored by the British Coun- a Followship in 1980 and retired cil and made regular broadcasts in 1987 after 23 years of service.

many of which were first performances of works by contemporary composers for the early keyboard instruments. She also made numerous recordings for the BBC Archives on instruments from famous collections which in-

In the late Forties Dyson was involved for some time with the Leith Hill Festival and valued the friendship of its founder, Ralph Vaughan Williams. For some time she served as the festival's librariperiod. She then discovered an and would recall the occasion when Vaughan Williams telephoned her to ask about some of the Haydn oratorios, adding: "Don't forget we're meeting at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning when we're going to rub out the

Collection.

Dyson returned to the RCM in 1964 to take up professorships in both harpsichord and piano and a lectureship in the history of early keyboard instruments. It was during this time that she took her students to visit the famous collections of early keyboard instruments and so inspired them to take up the study of haroque music for themselves; among those who are now firmly established in the field are Melvyn Tan, Sophie Yates. Robert Wholley and many others. She was awarded

Ruth Dyson was one of the few from the BBC for over 30 years, Her students adored her and many kept to touch right up to the present. Dyson's lecturing activities

also extended ahroad where she lectured in French at the World Forum of Harpsichord in Paris and in German to the Telemann Society to Hamburg. She cluded the Victoria and Albert also represented the UK as Museum and the Colt Clavier adjudicator at the International Fortnight at Bruges. She contributed articles to a number of learned journals and to the 1979 edition of The Oxford Companion to Music.

As a soloist she made a num-

ber of recordings which included Herbert Howells works for the clavichord to celebrate the composer's 90th hirthday. She also made recordings with the hass singer and harpsichordist Peter Medhurst with whom she shared a happy musical partnership for the last 20 years; these tocluded an album of Schubert songs recorded at the Colt Clavier Collection. One of their most recent recordings For Two To Play was of all the double harpsichord works up to the time of Mozart when the harpsichord was superseded by the piano. Medhurst told me: "She was my mentor and it was such a joy to work with her. She was so spontaneous and a brilliant keyboard player, and she had such rhythmic point. Whatever in-strument she played - great mu-

sic came out. She was married to the military historian Edward mate, witty and informative



the same name who was killed in the First World War. She loved travelling with her hus-hand as he revisited many of the places abroad where he was in military intelligence, including Thailand in 1995, the last journey they made together. He died to 1996.

Dyson appeared for many years in the Haslemere Festival of Early Music, and its Musical Director, Jeanne Dolmetsch, recalled attending her 80th hirthday party in March this year: was in sparkling form. She will be remembered for inti-

Thomas, nephew of the poet of lectures, her wonderful accompanying and her skill in improvisation. She was my musical mother!"

As a person she was charming, unaffected and modest despite the fact that she had an incredibly scholarly mind. She was also generous towards other artists - a rare quality among musicians.

In recent years she taught regularly at the Dolmetsch Summer School, and confessed it was one of her favourite undertakings because clearly she had a special empathy with the young. It was here, no the last

she had been full of her usual enthusiasm. As Jeanne Dol-metsch put it: "Ruth Dyson's life was rather like a piece of music which buhbles over with excitement and ends in a perfect cadence. That is how she would have wanted it 7

ter a wonderful week in which

Barbara Ruth Dyson, keyboard player and teacher: born London 28 March 1917: married 1964 Edward Thomas (died 1996; one step-son, one step-daughter)

Margaret Campbell

died Guildford, Surrey 16 afternoon of the course, that she August 1997. **Gordon Legg**



Portuguese East Africa (now Mozambique) was severely underdeveloped in the 1930s and held firmly under colunial rule. The South Africa General Missinn (now the Africa Evangelical Fellowship) had waited for years for the apportunity to have missinnary workers there. When Gordon Legg, then in his twenties, saw an article in its house magazine, outlining a plan for six single missionaries to enter the country, he wrote an application that same day.

Henry Gordon Legg was born in Derby in 1912, the younger son of a railway clerk. He was educated at Bemrose Secondary School and the School of Com-

merce before being apprenticed at 15 to a Derby clothier. At 20, he joined the men's outfitting department of D.H. Evans in London, rising to become First Salesman. With an instinctively courteous manner, he was well suited to this métier. But his life's work was to be far removed from men's outfitting.

After two years at the Missionary Training Colony in Upper Norwood, London, Legg spent some months in Portugal, picking up courses io language and culture at the ancient University of Coimbra. With rudimentary knowledge of both, he sailed to Africa in 1939 aboard the RMS Warwick Cas-

tie. His aunt had been appointed MBE for her service to Swaziland and he stayed with her when he first arrived, learning some practicalities of bush life. Her living-room floor was covered with a film of fresh cow dung to keep fleas at bay. The choice was his, she said, but most Europeans preferred the smell to the hites.

Legg was stationed in Mihecani, in the Zambezia Province of Mozamhique, He built up a school of 600 pupils. with a health clinic attached which was run by his second wife. Katie. (His first wife, Mary, died of cerebral malaria after only two years of marriage, in

1944.) Portuguese Roman Catholic priests had long resented the influence of the Protestant mission, with its evangelical teaching. In the late 1950s the sudden death of a child in the clinic gave a pretext for them to put pressure on the government to close the station down. The Leggs heard of the death while on furlough in the UK, and rushed straight back, hut were shortly afterwards visited by a government official who gave them 24 hours to vacate the whole compound. They were ex-

pelled from Mozamhique. In 1961 Legg moved to Johannesburg as Assistant General Director of the Africa

Evangelical Fellowship, becoming its General Director in 1969. He was the last to hold this post in Johannesburg before the international headquarters moved to Berkshire, England.

There were massive adjustments for the Leggs to make, from the bush to the city, from a mission comound to an office. from front-line service to international leadership. Ever with an eye to the needs of others, Legg developed the work among the thousands of men who poured south to the gold mines which formed a crescent between Johannesburg and Klerksdorp. Although well cared for in dormitory accommodation and with

himself, 1987; the Soviet news agent

adequate food, these men struggled with life in such alien surroundings, and inter-tribal fighting was not uncommon. Legg toured the mines and, with permission from their European managers, distributed Christian literature to the workers.

Retiring to Redbourne, near St Albans, in Hertfordshire, Legg never lost his love for the Mozambique church. His dealings with Africans had always en marked by respect and integrity, never bearing a trace of the patronising attitudes so pervasive then among Europeans. This was evidently acknowledged, for Christian Harpenden leaders and civic leaders alike gust 1997.

greeted him with great warmth when he visited the country again in 1982. By this stage the church there was already ten times the size it had been when he was expelled. On a return visit in 1993, when he was 81, he describes how, on his arrival in Nampula, "more than 5,000 lined the road approaching the church and about 2,000 were inside and outside for nearly three hours".

Henry Gordon Legg, missionary: born Derby 12 January 1912; married 1942 Mary Jenks (died 1944), 1949 Katie Allen; died Harpenden, Hertfordshire 15 Au-

Births. Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

FERGUSSON: Dr Patrick Drummond on 18 August, in London, aged 78. Beloved father of Jamie, Madefine and Lucy. Funeral at St John's, Hyde Park Cresceot, on Thursday 21 August at 1.2 noon. Enquiries to John Nodes, 0181-969 1819.

MARTIN: Professor John Powell. On 17 August, aged 7t. peacefully of home. Dearest husband of Joan Hig-gins, loving and proud father of An-

drew. Lawrence and Stuart and de-voted granded of Azulea and Quillian. Funeral service will be held at Norcliffe Chapel. Styal, on Tuesday 25 August at 2.15pm, followed by com-mittal at Manchester Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if de sired for Amnesty International or RNLI may be sent to Arthur Gresty Ltd (Trafford Funeral Homes), Greycs, 305 Manchester Road, Altrincham. WA14 5PH.

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Birthdays

Commandam Daphne Blundell, former director, Women's Royal Naval Service, \$1, Mr Gordon Brand Jnr, golfer. 39. Sir Malcolm Hilbery Chaplin, senior partner, Hilbery Chaplin, 58; Mr Bill Clinton, President of the United States, 51; Lord Cocks of Harteliffe, former MP, 68; Mr Kenneth Dixon, former chairman, Rowntee plc, 68; Mr Charles Driver, Master of Wellington College, 58; Sir Francis Ferris, High Court judge, 65; Mr Ian Gould, cricketer, 40; Dame Rose Heilbron, former High Ceurt judge, 83; Mr Edmund Heward, former Chief Master of the Supreme Court, 85; Sir David Hop-wood, Professor of Genetics, Uni-versity of East Anglia, 64; Mr

Stephen Hughes, MEP, 45; Mr Richard Ingrams, Editor, *The Oldic*, 60; Mr Billy J. Kramer, singer, 54; Mr Bernard Levin, journalist and writer, 69; Mr David Lodge, acror, 76; The Right Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, Bishop of Rochester, 48; Mr Michael

Roper, former Keeper of Public Records, 65; Miss Jill St Juhn, actress, 57; Mr Willie Shoemaker, jockey, 66; Mrs Phyllida Stewart-Roberts, former superintendent-in-chief, St John Ambalance Brigade, 64; Mr John Mark Tayler MP, 56; Mr Geerg voo Mallinckrodt, chairman and chief executive. Schroders Inc. 67: Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt, 83; Mr Michael Woodhouse, former chairman, Rexam. 70; Mr Henry Wynd-ham, chairman, Sotheby's, 44.

Anniversaries Births: James Crichton ("The Ad-

mirable Cricison"), scholar, 1560; Jo-hannes Fyt, painter, 1609; Juhn Flamsteed, first Astronomer Royal, 1646; Samuel Richardson, novelist, baptised 1689; Marie-Jeanne Bécu, nesse du Barry, royal mistress, 1743: Orville Wright, aviator, 1871; Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel, fashion de-signer, 1883; Frederic Ogden Nash, humorist, 1902. Deaths: Augustus, first Roman emperor, 14; Frans Sny-ders, painter, 1657; Blaise Pascal, theelogian and mathematician, 1662; James Watt, engineer, 1819; Richard Burdon Haldane, first Viscount Haldane, statesman, 1928; Sergei Paviovich Diaghilev, ballet director and choreographer, 1929; Sir Nigel

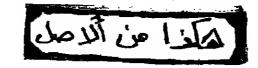
Ross Playfair, actor and manager, 1934; Federico García Lorca, poet and playwright, 1936; Sir Henry TASS announced that the vicepresident, Gennady Yanayev, had taken over the presidency of the Soviet Union "because of the ill-health of Mikhail Gorbachev", 1991; a state emergency was declared and troops Joseph Wood, conductor, 1944; Julius ("Groucho") Marx, comedian, 1977; Alastair Sim, actor, 1976; Hermione Baddeley, actress, 1986; Sir Frederick Ashton, choreographsurrounded important buildings, in-cinding the Russian parliament build-ing, in Moscow, 1991. Today is the er, 1988. On this day: Mary, Queen Feast Day of Saints Agaphus and Tim-othy, St Andrew the Tribune, St nf Scots returned to Scotland from France, 1561, France and Spain formed an alliance against Britain. 1796; British forces were driven out ní Somaliland, 1940, Lt-Gen Bernard Montgomery became commander of the British Eighth Army in North

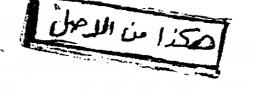
Bertulf of Bobbio, St Credan of Evesham, St Juhn Eudes, St Louis of Amon. St Mocha, St Sebald, St Sixtus III and St Thecla. Africa, 1942; Michael Ryan, a 27year-old marksman, killed 14 people in Hungerford, Berkshire, and finally

Lectures Tate Gallery: Andrew Kennedy, Late 18th-century British Portrai-

ture: Reynolds, Gainsborough and Zoffany", lpm. National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, Babies (III): attributed to De Bellis, The Finding of Moses", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Sudeshna Guha, "Mughal India". 2.30pm. British Museum: Jehn Muir, "Hermione' an introduction to Greek education", 1.1pm.

Changing of the Guard The Ring's Troop Royal Horse Artillery mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am. Ist Battalion The Royal Guards, 118th. 1st insulation 1 me ranyas Regiment of Wales mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Coldstream Gitards.





Bernard Wheeler Robinson

the leader page

The Russian mission to make do and mend

o those who despair that science does not get enough attention in them get back to a well-earned shower the media, and that it has lost its attraction for those not directly involved, we would say only one word: Mir. Mention the orbiting Russian space station, and people who normally profess disdain for physics or chemistry will talk eagerly about zero-gravity toilets (especially those that get blocked, as Mir's did), fires in space (another unfortunate little incident), bow you actually dock two orbiting spacecraft, and what it must be like to be stuck in a cold, cramped washing machine of a place in a chaotic orbit because - as happened yesterday - the main computer has crashed.

Mir has become an orbiting episode of The Simpsons, a byword for getting it wrong in space. Small wonder that the British-American astronaut Michael Foale asked for the Russian relief crew to bring 100 tablets of Tylenol painkillers when they flew up last week. By contrast, the US space agency Nasa piles triumph upon triumph. Life on Mars! Pathfinder on Mars! Sojourner rover on Mars! Picture-postcard sunrisc on Mars! Meanwhile, last November the Russian mission to Mars wobbled off the launchpad and then crashed in the Pacific. Altogether the US, together with Japan and Europe, make a better fist of making things that work in space. So why not just pack the astro-

and proper food, and send Mir off into outer space, or slip back into the atmosphere to burn up?

One reason is that Mir represents something very important to post-Soviet Russia. It was meant to last only five years, hut has been up there, twirling past 280 kilometres above our heads, once every 90 minutes or so for 12 years. It's an important link to a time when Russian engineers and scientists could challenge the world on many fronts - a claim they are unlikely to make now, unless it is as the country best able to make limousioes bulletproof for clients involved in shady dealings.

Equally, Russians need Mir and its veritable awfulness. It is a reminder that it is not just the man or woman in the Moscow street who is having a tough time of it; even the highlytrained cosmonauts bave to make do and mend. The soap opera in which the players can't use soap (water stocks are dwindling) and can't play music (the power has been cut by computer failure) holds a grim fascination. It's like watching England's cricket team trying to save a game against Australia. Actually, they do better than the England team: on the whole, the cosmonauts muddle through, adopting a combination of the sealing-wax-and-twine approach, and the Russian equivalent



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of the stiff upper lip. Heath Robinson dom will cost more than \$20bn would be proud of them.

All that aside, Mir does in fact have a political and economic value to Russia. The US and Japan are serious about building a full-scale orbiting space station called Freedom, on which construction work is intended to begin some time in the next two years. Canada and Europe are also involved; and Russia wants to play its part, too.
It won't quite look like the enormous ferris wheel of Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey, but it will sprawl over an area as big as two football fields. The plan suggests that Space Station Free-

(£12.5bn), and possibly as much again in servicing and operating costs over its expected 15-year life span.

No single nation can pay that bill. The US Congress bas repeatedly balked at elements of the cost, leading to a PR offensive by Nasa of which the "Life on Mars" meteorite may be seen as an element. Certainly, Nasa's wellchoreographed successes have helped secure its share of funding for the space station, which will he important for medical and other research (including high-cost, private-sector experiments) as well as scientific experiments.

So, the US is happy to cough up; Japan can pay its way; Europe and Canada, with some protest, will foot their share of the final demand. But where can Russia, with its awful currency and economic problems, find the hard cash to buy a piece of Freedom? It cannot afford to be left out. But the truth is, it cannot afford to be included, either - at least, not paying with real money. Russia cannot afford to build and launch a new space station; so, until Freedom is built, it offers a useful place to hire out to private groups and research organisations which want to do their own small-scale experiments. Unfortunately, the crash with a supply ship holed exactly the module which was being used for scientific experiments on some plants and beetles another blow to Russian prestige, and its bank balance, not to mention the effect on the beetles.

What is the point of Mir, then? To the Russians, it is that they can show off - no, honestly - their make-do approach to space. Whereas the Americans practise their space missions "to the point of neurosis" (to quote one Russian controller last week), the Russians know that it is impossible to prepare for everything. All you can really take up there is a state of mind like a Boy Scout: be prepared. The missions on a space station will long be unpredictable, and all sorts of things will go wrong. Mir is just the beginning. It may look from here as if the best thing for Mir would be to send it spinning off into the hinterland of space, never to be seen or heard of again (unless, perhaps, by some baffled extraterrestrials, circa Stardate 1448569306780943). But for the Russians, there is as much to lose by failing as there is by going on. Which tells the whole story, when you come down to it.

Must do better at telling the truth

Yo, school inspectors are unable to Dwrite reports. They rely heavily on preprogrammed phrases which mean next to nothing - clichés of their own and their predecessors' creation. Are we surprised by this? Of course not. Every profession develops its own elaborate ways of avoiding offence to people. Telling the raw truth is, particularly for bureaucrats, more than a soul can bear. Therefore you find ways around it – by saying nothing, you say every-thing. By declining to congratulate, you condemn utterly. The problem with this is that it never works in the end. People would prefer unvarnished reality. They might get angry; they might even have a case. But if the judge's real view isn't there, what can they do? Just stew. Nothing good ever came of that.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Stupid drug law makes folly a crime

Sir: On 12 August I wrote, in relation to the jailing of my son James, about the persecution of our children by the justice system. Well we've done it again ("Woman, 22, jailed for giving friend ecstasy", 16 August).

Two girls went to a nightclub. One gave the other one ecstasy pill which she consumed with ampheramines and alcohol. She suffered a severe reaction and nearly died. The supplying girl was prosecuted; the consuming girl was nor. The judge said supplying ecstasy had to be punished sev and sent her to prison for nine months.

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the point again: what caused the dangerous reaction was the combination of alcohol. amphetamines and eestasy taken by

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Only nine people died last year from reactions to ecstasy. Forty thousand people died from the effects of alcohol.

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MICK HUMPHREYS

Sir: May I congratulate Brian Iddon, MP for Bolton South East, who has hravely called for a Royal Commission on drugs, after the shooting of a five-year-old boy in Bolton.

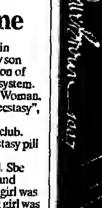
Mr Iddon has clearly seen the truth - that prohibition of drugs is a failure.

made illegal, it simply creates opportunities for massive illegal profits and everything which goes alongside the protection of such businesses. Greed for extra profit also means that the drugs can be cut with substances often more dangerous than the drugs themselves, causing unnecessary illness and death amongst users. This is particularly true for cannabis - the impurities are almost certainly more dangerous

However, decriminalisation. although better than nothing - it would enable users of hard drugs to seek help without fear of arrest -would not solve all the problems.

is full legalisation. This does not mean that hard drugs would be available at the corner shop. Rather it would mean that pure hard drugs would be available through controlled outlets - such as doctors' prescriptions and chemists. Drug distribution would be controlled and the addicts recognised. The fall in cost to users would decrease crime and knock the illegal suppliers out of the market. Addicts and dealers would have no reason to create new addicts to finance their own habits. JACK GIRLING Chairman, Campaign to Legalise Cannahis International Association

Norwich Sir: Over many years of professional involvement in the substance abuse field, my



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justice system picks out one falls into its lap, and then sets about bullying her with a stupid and rest of us will be deterred.

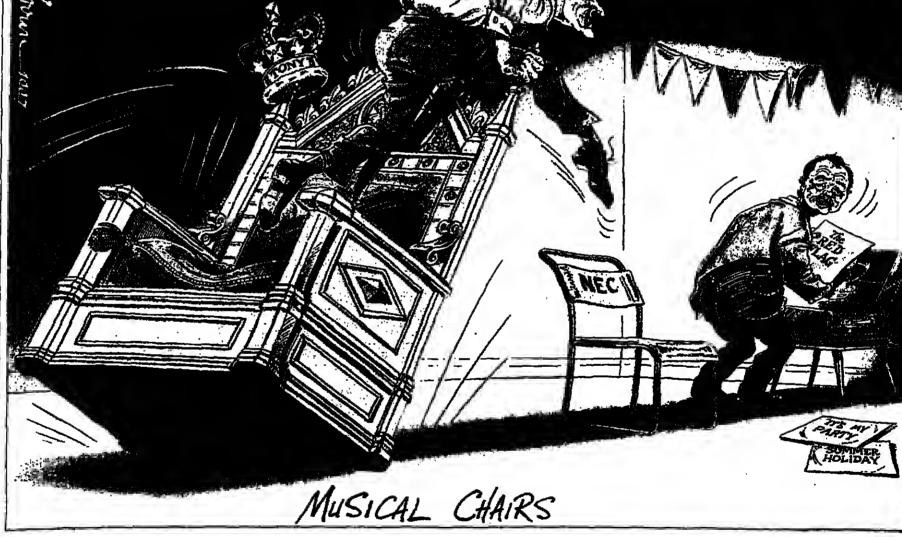
When are we going to grow up and stop confusing youthful folly Taunton, Somerset

by P J Stewart (letter, 13 August). The fact is that society has available to it a range of When a marketable substance is

social ills. The solution could be to allow than the plant itself.

It would leave the supply of drugs in the hands of criminals. The answer to the drugs problem

colleagues and I came to much the coneagues and I cause to make heard of the BFI and even same conclusion as those described have heard of the BFI and even



psychoactive drugs, all of which are potentially harmful and many of which are perceived by their users as beneficial. Experience on a massive scale, both here and especially in the US, shows that prohibition doesn't work and generates much crime and other

"tolerated" substances to be sold at low-profile outlets without promotion and with appropriate health information. It is said that no government

could move towards decriminalisation, because to do so would imply diluting the health warning. If alcohol, which can legitimately occupy n prominent place in this list, were included, it would show a wish to approach this difficult and ancient problem in an unbiased and logical way. This process will not eliminate all drug damage in society, but it could greatly minimise it. Chinichampton, Devon

Aloof BFI needs Alan Parker

Sir: Is Colin McArthur really surprised that nobody has made a fuss about Alan Parker's appointment to the British Film Insutute ("Warning: beware a narrow focus on the wide screen"

15 August)? In truth, the average cinemagoer, and indeed the average intellectual" probably couldn't care less. Relatively few people

fewer have any idea what it actually | better than comics aimed at "postdoes. It doesn't help that the BFI has spent periods of the past 20 older, richer admirers. years indulging a penchant for rarefied, academic debate which has tended to overshadow the

organisation's more pragmatic achievements. Alan Parker may nr may not be an anti-intellectual xenophobe; this is a matter of opinion. But if he can open up a rather aloof organisation to public scrutiny and promote it to a wider audience then perhaps the BFI will end up being as popular as Alan Parker's films have been with British audiences.

Tide of hedonism swamps gays too

JOHN DUNN

London NWI

Sir: Your leading article (15 August) lamenting the narcissistic obsessions of the men's magazine market is spot-on. This trend is also reflected in the gay male press. where, since the demise of Capital Gay, political debate is practically a no-go area. What we now have on offer is

Attitude, which, with its penchant for designer gear lifestyles and washboard chests, is little more than a paean to some mythical Apollonian ideal, Even the former champion of gay political causes. Gay Times, seems to have moved downmarket, in a bid to capture the "post-politics" metropolitan, hedonistic consumer. And the freebies, such as Boyz, are little

political" boy-babes and their

The common denominator between FHM and the above magazines is that they are aimed at single and well-heeled young men, both gay and straight. Meanwhile, debates over the age of consent, workplace discrimination, the relationship between poverty and gay prostitution, and the prevalence of queerbashing, continue to be swept under the gay press carpet.
Dr ALAN BULLION Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Applause that spoils the Proms

Sir: Michael Varcoe-Cocks (letter, 14 August) defends the right of enthusiastic but inexperienced concert-goers to applaud between

movements.
The enthusiasm shown by Proms audiences is commendable. However, is it unreasonable to hope that, as well as learning about the music, they will also learn some of the conventions of behaviour which help to prevent distraction and spoil the enjoyment of others? Untimely applause can be just as irritating as rustling sweet papers and beeping digital watches.

I can remember a Proms

performance of Weber's "Invitation to the Dance" a few years ago where part of the audience fell into the trap of bursting into applause at the climax

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of the main waitz theme without waiting for the quiet epilogue to be played; this undoubtedly showed enthusiasm but spoiled the

performance for everyone else.

In case I am accused of clitism at the expense of new concert audiences, I should point out that regular attenders who should know better can be even more inconsiderate. I am thinking in particular of the person dubbed by the Promenaders "The Man with the Clap" who applauds loudly and sbouts "Bravo" a microsecond after the final bar to show off how well he knows the piece. Fortunately he was missing at this season's performance of "Das Lied von der Erde" when the audience waited in stunned silence for what seemed like an age and only then broke into

Gandhi dressed for protest

rapturous applause. GORDON ELLIOT

London EI

Sir: Gandhi's obsession with handspun clothes was more than a personal fad ("Saga of Mahatma memorial", 15 August). Indian hand-woven textiles were renowned and exported to all parts of the world until the Manchester cotton industry swamped the Indian market with cheap. manufactured goods in the mid-

19th century. Thus, a return to hand-woven textiles was at the heart of the early "Swadeshi" independence

English cloth were gestures of defiance. Gandhi, with his usual perspicacity, took up this theme and made the spinning wheel the symbol of non-violent revolt. DIANA TROY Merthyr Cynog, Powys

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Time to give back

the marbles Sir: I have recently returned from a short trip to Greece, where I found the local people wonderfully hospitable and friendly, despite being sincerely aggrieved by the failure of successive British governments to return the ancient narbles taken from the Acropolis

by Lord Elgin.
I do not see why we cannot make a special case for the return of these treasured relics to their rightful owners - the people of

While we know that modern Greece and its people are long removed from the ancient Hellenic, do we not still owe them a debt of gratitude for all they have given the world?

It is one thing to win the spoils of war, quite another to remove the cultural heritage of a natinn suffering the oppression and humiliation of occupation.

Surely now, with the advent of a so-called "moral foreign policy", it is time for us to swiftly return these marbles, putting to rest the whole sorry affair, and in doing so, be the cause of national celebration in Greece, thus further increasing bea respect for us as a natural triend and ally.

JULIAN McSWEENEY London W2

Blind to oomph on South Bank

Sir; Sir Brian Corby's letter of 16 August defended Lord Rogers' Angust defended Lord Rogers
South Bank proposals against
Robert Maxwell's attack (Letters,
13 August) by quoting Sir Leslie
Maxtin's approval of the shielding
his Royal Festival Hall will receive
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door. But that is not enough,
Maxwell's negativism illustrates
the seizure the Brits suffer when

the seizure the Brits suffer when anything bright appears.
Pettyfogging nit-picking killed Mies van der Rohe's Mansion House tower, Zaha Hadid's Welsh National Opera House, Santiago Calatrava's east London bridge and Sir Norman Foster's scintillating skyscraper, grey academia blindin us to oompli.

Wary of ceiled-in external space, I like wind in my bair and singing in the rain. Yet if the young want controlled atmospheres - like the jet-lagged Pacific fish they prefer to tasty British - Rogers will achieve

this with glorious pazazz. Sir Brian's South Bank Board should meet Rogers' spirit and find ways of stretching his flowing ribbon of glass all the way to County Hall with a taller "Hokusai" breaking wave masking the ugly boot of the Shell building. Glittering and in scale with Father Thames himself, what a glamorous heart-tingler from the Embankment!

Balance a wide wooden deck, the sky its roof, above the trains on Hungerford Bridge and, over the moon, everyone would dance across the river, making love under the stars. Professor PATRICK HODGKINSON

Victims of child pornography

Sir: In today's Independent (18 August), both Richard Ingrams and Glen Newey express sympathy for the schoolteacher who killed himself after being charged with possessing child pornography. Because he was not actually interfering with these children. neither man seems to find his crime anything to get upset about.

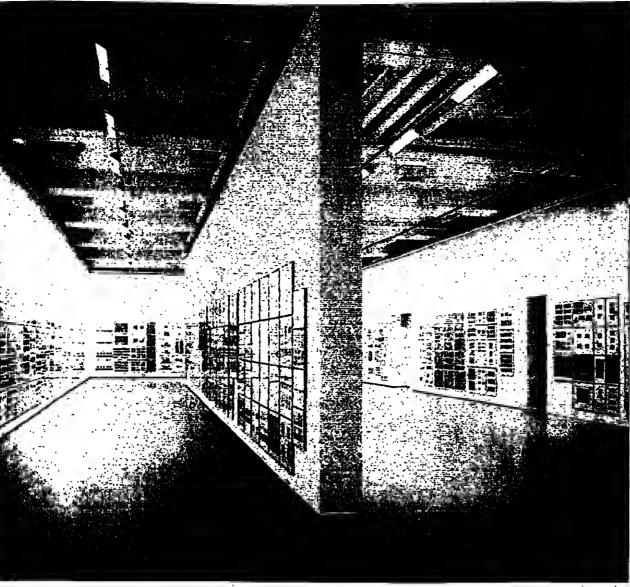
Where do these two believe the children come from who are exploited for the creation of such pornography? Are they so lacking in empathy for anyone except their own kind - middle-aged, middleclass men - that they cannot imagine the fear and shame these boys feel? I don't know if Glen Newey has young male grandchildren, but I know Mr Ingrams does. If at some future date his little darlings are used in such a way to gratify dirty old men, I hope he can continue to practise what he preaches. JULIE BURCHILL Brighton, East Sussex

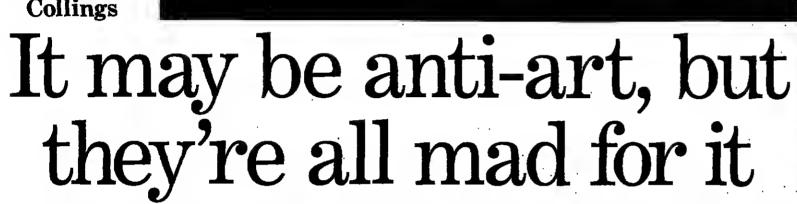
Leader in waiting

Sir: Andrew Bluhm (letter, 16 August) explains the "rudeness and cheating" of some restaurants in France by their taking on "large numbers of French students" in the summer. I have not in 20-odd years of living in tourist centres in France met rudeness or cheating. Nor have I met any but rarely changing professional staff, often pretty cold. orisk and correct on a first visit, but usually very friendly over the years.

Is he thinking of President Chirac? As a student, be did work in a restaurant - in the US. Few French restaurants would have accepted him as serious. JOHN LIVINGSTONE Biarritz, France

What is it about avantgarde art that so excites the Germans? This year's Dokumenta extravaganza has much to enjoy, but don't expect to understand it, says Matthew Collings





so much. We hate it over here, of course, but over there they're mad Kunsthallen and Kunstvereine full of the stuff. There are loads of buge private collections of it, tons of swanky new brilliantly designed multicoloured post-modernist public museums devoted to it, stacks of big annual art fairs selling it, and a horde of sexy, international superstar German artists who since the Sixties or Fifties - or indeed any time after the Second World War - have risen to massive. Oasis-type fame, based on the nation's craving for art that nobody can understand.

The higgest, best, most expensively produced and least comprehensible-by-normal-people international artfest is the five-yearly Dokumenta, held in the otherwise un-noteworthy town of Kassel, an bour or so's very high-speed German train ride from the nearest airport at Hanover. This year's Dokumenta cost £7m to stage. The money comes partly from taxpayers and partly from private sponsorship. That's a lot of Turner Prizes.

As usual, a guest curator bas thought up a theme and selected the artists to take part: 250 of them, from all over the world. They range from thundering giants of the genre such as Germany's Gerhard Richter, an art superstar since the Sixties, to bright newcomers on the international avant-garde radar, such as sculptor

strange thing about German people is the way they like avant-garde art artist Liam Gillick, both London-based, both Goldsmiths College graduates.

This year's curator, the 42-year-old Parisian Catherine David, who used to organise exhibinons at the Pompidou Centre, bas been having a great time over the past few months staging international press conferences and saying nothing that anybody could understand beyond binting strongly that ber Dokumenta would be anti-commercial, anti-galleries, anti-trendy and anti-American. When the Dokumenta finally opened in July, it turned ont that the show, at least in its line-up, really is more or less against trendiness, or at least indifferent to it.

Lots of the artists exhibiting are not at the buzzingest end of international contemporary art, nor are they represented by powerful gal-leries. Many of them have almost unpronounceable names and do not come from Germany, New York; London, or even eastern Europe. Also, many of the well-known partici-pants are far less trendy now than they have been in the past: Richard Hamilton and Art & Language, for example.

Indeed, these two - or three, since Art & Language is a group of two - seemed to be making a comment in their works at Dokumenta about the value of the past. Richard Hamilton showed a multi-part installation that included the German Renaissance artist Albrecht Dürer's famously enigmatic engraving Melancholy (a classical female figure gloomily contemplating some cosmic symbols), as well as a group of his own new ultra-perfectionist oil paintings of mysterious modern interiors. These included veiled references not only to Hamilton's own Pop Art. past, but also to the art of the all-time master

of mysterious interiors, Johannes Vermeer. Hamilton also showed a shiny new cubeshaped metal machine thing that could make little cloudbursts. This work seemed like a sigh for the good old days when technology was mi-versally loved for being a good thing both for society and for art. Interviewed by a group of journalists on the morning of the opening, Hamilton said that he was glad to be associated with the first conceptual artist, Marcel Duchamp, but sad that today's version of conceptual art was, in his view, generally too much on the "silly"

rt & Language showed a group of objects called "furniture paintings" - chairs and tables made out of small, brightly coloured paintings, each one imprinted with a photocopy image of pages from their own texts inquiries into the meaning of art - which they've been publishing since the Sixties. A further extension of their work was a performance, staged each evening, involving handsome, classically trained German actors lip-synching to a recording of a conversation between the two Art & Language members and one of their colleagues, the art writer Charles Harrison. The props for this performance were the actual paint-spattered tables and chairs and old paint pots from the duo's studio in Banbury, near Oxford, specially shipped in for the event. This was a weird but certainly compelling pile-up of illusion and reality, with some genuine discourse hiding in there somewhere.

On the morning of the opening, Catherine David gave her last press conference, reaffirming her anti-isms and announcing also that the Dokumenta was more or less about the big problems of modern urban intellectual, cultural and spiritual life, and the way all experience is mediated now through advertising and TV and suchlike, and that in this situation "art alone is not enough". And that's why a lot of the art in Dokumenta wouldn't he merely pleasurable or sensuous or beautiful, or in fact not pleasurable or sensuous or beautiful at all, but more like lots of videos and black-and-white documentary photos and film screens and stuff. And also, because of the Internet and the way everything is known about everything as soon as it happens nowadays - or even before it happens, even if it is in Africa - there would be a loi of interactive Internet-type art events put on by incredibly

It would be neat to join in with the widespread carping against the Dokumenta (too élitist, too obscure, too dry, too expensive), and say the really dreadful stuff was the art; but it wasn't. In fact, Dokumenta is a good thing. It began in 1955. The first one was mostly internationalstyle, post-Jackson-Pollock abstract painting. The ones since then have been accurate barometers of the way art is going, and this one, the 10th, is no exception. Art really is pretty strange and difficult nowadays. It's no one's fault, and it's good to be given a chance to look it over and wonder wbat's going to happen next. For example - as critics are now running around asking themselves -- is painting dead again? It's been dead so many times this century; maybe it really has had enough by now.

The Dokumenta sprawls through several hig buildings, across open fields and right into the town's centre, taking over parts of the subway and mainline railway station. Nobody could say it is an entirely pleasurable experience. There is frequently the feeling that a lot of exhausting bead-scratching and frowning has to be done for not much reward. But even if there is not much actual painting to speak of, there are still plenty of things you can enjoy quite straightforwardly. Gerhard Richter's installation is like a peek

behind the scenes of this artist's official output. Entitled Atlas, it is a huge, eye-straining collection of thousands of the snapshots and news botographs he has used as source material for the coldly scientific paintings be has been turning out for the past 30 years. Just as a documentation of the oddness of everyday life and the way fashions in sideburns come and go, it's an experience. But a lot of the material is very touchingly studio-worn, grubby with paint marks and the remains of bits of masking tape, and, on the whole, there's a warmth and intimacy and curiosity-appeal to Atlas - for all its grand scale - which is often lacking in Richter's finished products.

The Cologne artist Rosemarie Trockl's House For Pigs and People – which she designed with

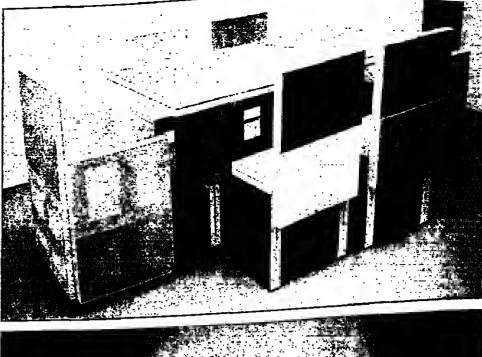
an architect collaborator, Carsten Hoeller - is literally a house for pigs, which people can view through a very large sheet of mirrored glass, so that the pigs, with their newly born piglets, can't

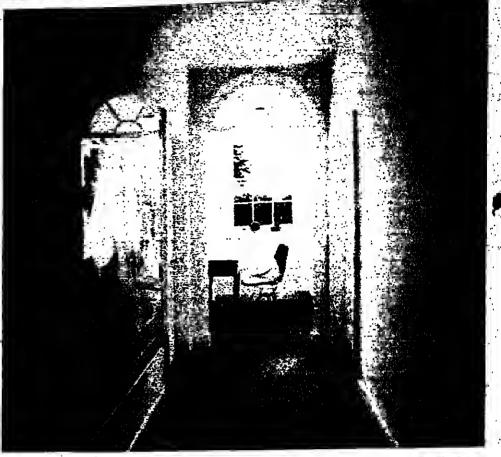
A sculpture by Martin Kippenberger, another Cologne artist (who died earlier this year, still in his mid-forties) appears in one of the fields outside the main Dokumenta site. As usual with this artist, the meaning is vague, or fluid, or something. A hig white metal structure like the entrance to a European metro station with a padlocked gate, it is planted in green grass, as if it might lead down into the earth. It includes a kind of Brutalist, Fifties-style logo in the metalwork - a milky bosom and a bammer. Strange,

iohhan Hapaska, who was born in Ireland and moved to London from Belfast in the Eighties, has been given a whole, gallerysized space for three of her sculptures. They mix hi-tech forms with odd, dreamy atmospheres, suggestive of far-away places and sudden changes in temperature: desert, ocean, ice. A lot of this year's Dokumenta is about travel, or more precisely about bow ideas of travel can be accessed by modern communications technology without anyone having to go anywhere. In many cases you get the idea pretty quickly – "Ahal Travel!" – hut then wonder why it's being presented to you: "Er, so what?" Hapaska's art, which can sometimes seem inhumanly streamlined and mysterious (rather than mystifying), is positively romantic and mysterious (rather than mystifying) in this context.

And what about those videos? Yes, they tended to drone on boringly. But one of them was the most instantly pleasurable work in the show. Dial H-I-S-T-O-R-Y is a collage of clips, masterfully paced and edited by Johan Grimonprez, a Trinidad-boro artist who lives in Ghent, Belgium. Made over a period of two years, it shows a fabulously jangled and fractured narrative about plane-hijacking in the Sevennes and is an exercise in style - the styles of hijackers, of air hostesses, of hair, of guns, of political rhetoric, and of TV ads, stings and jingles. Strange, funny, kitsch, brilliant, labour-intensive and kind of pointless. But worth seeing.

Dokumenta 10' runs to the end of September.





may give **Exhibits** include Gerhard Richter's installation

of photos left), the group Art & Language's paintings' (top right). and Richard Hamilton's 'Seven Rooms -Top left:

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And now, Elvis impersonations to die for

the conclusion of our exclusive interview with Jerry Bonaventura. Jerry Bonaventura is the American author who bas just published Elvis Presley - The Posthumous Years, which is the first of Elvis's biographies to concentrate on what has bappened to

Elvis's story since he died. Can you explain the rocketing popularity of Elvis lookalike contests? Especially as most of the contestants can have no idea - otaside film what Elvis looked like, being

too young to have seen him? Whoa there, whoa there! Let's take that all one at a time. First off, these are not lookalike contests. It isn't much use looking like Elvis if vou can't also sound like him, and vice versa. There are guys out there who sound incredibly like Elvis hut who

bespectacled. What can they do, poor guys? Well, they could take to hamburgers and pills and overeat till they expand and get fat and become like lum. Wise guy, huh? No. the answer for them is to change

their voices a bit and become

Buddy Holly clones. Now, I

are short and thin and

Presley's lifetime, only on his deathtime, hut I am reasonably sure that there were very few Elvis Presley impersonators during his life, only after his death. What does this tell us?

I don't know. What does it

tell us? It tells us that anyone wbo dared to imitate Elvis Presley in his liferime would find himself sued for millions of dollars by Colonel Tom Parker. It also tells us that it was only when Elvis died that people really missed him. They missed him so much that they wanted to recreate his presence in any way they

could. Now, this never bappened to any other singing star. Nobody has ever become a Frank Sinatra impersonator or organised a Frank Sinatra impersonator contest. Why not? Because Frank Sinatra is

still alive. Wise guy. But isn't it remarkable that nobody ever went into the business of imitating Bing Crosby or Jimi Hendrix ... or John Lennon? Ah, John Lennon! Now there

was a guy whose death sent

world! When John Lennon

shock-waves through the



Miles Kington

died, people felt a great man had gone. But they didn't start impersonating him. Why not? Too easy.

Wise guy. All I'm saying is that people impersonate Elvis and nobody else. People try to look like Marilyn Monroe, and they walk like John Wayne, and they talk like Humphrey Bogart, but it's only Elvis they sing and wiggle and try to BE like. The problem is: which Elvis Presley are they going to be like?

How do you mean? Well, Presley impersonators can imitate the young, slim, lovely Elvis. Or they can imitate the older, fatter, slightly debauched Elvis. Or - and this is where it gets tricky they can imitate Elvis as be would have been had he not

And how is that? Some Elvis impersonators think that Elvis would have been grey-baired and slim and serious in his sixties, something like Johnny Cash, Some people think he would be a fatty. Some think be would be a rather ridiculous ageing rocker on a motorised Zimmer frame. One impersonator I know thinks that at the age of 62 Elvis would have been a balding Japanese performer in black

Why would he think that? Because the impersonator I'm thinking of IS a halding Japanese singer in black leather, But then there are other spin-offs in the competitive Elvis field. There are Elvis diet-alike

contests... Diet-alike? What does that mean?

All the contestants have to cook and eat a meal from Elvis's repertoire in a certain time, without being sick.

When you said diet-alike contests, I thought you said

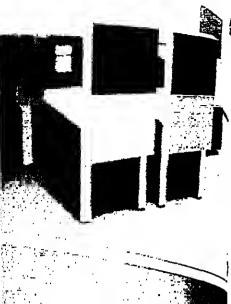
"die-alike" for a moment! Well, it is rumoured that such things do exist, but if there ever was an Elvis Presley Die-Alike Contest, I never mel anyone who had gune in for it. For obvious reasons, I guess. No, the new thing that's going on in the States is the rise of Elvis Impersonator Impersonation

Contests. What on earth are they? Well, some impersonators are so good in their own right that they have acquired their own following. They have put new twists to the King's stage presence, added new things of their own, so people are now imitating the people who imitate Elvis. An expert will be able to look at an Elvis act and tell you. which impersonator it is based on

Incredible. Finally, Mr. Bonaventura, do you have any last words of advice for Presley

Yeah. If you are going to get any one new book about Elvis Presley, kids, for heaven's sake make sure it's mine! Don't get anything written by a Jerry Bonaventura impersonatori







My name's Peter – vote for me so I can be important

A first glance, it seems a strange sort of a battle-field, rather as if a victorious general bad challenged his vanquished opponent to a duel while the dead were still being hauled away. Four years ago, of course, there would have been a wonderful, symbolic resonance to it - Peter Mandelson, the modernisers' Prince of Darkness, takes on Red Ken, firebrand of the old left, in a duel for the heart of the Labour

Party.
The Minister without Portfolio, long famed as Labour's spin-doctor-in-chief and architect of Tony Blair's party reforms, is to stand for one of seven constituency seats on the ruling National Executive Com-mittee. The withdrawal of both Gordon Brown and Jack Straw from this year's election had put Ken Livingstone. former Greater London Council leader and now Brent East MP, in pole position to win a place. So the two men, legend now has it, are locked bead to bead in the latest hitter struggle between

left and right.
Or maybe not. Maybe that battle was won long ago, the final seal stamped on its last treaty hy Labour's landslide victory in the general election, the few last stragglers tolerated – or sometimes not – as relics of a bygone age.

If there is one thing Tony Blair's bright, shinly tendency can say with certainty, it is that it has the upper hand. No sane person on the left believes the battle it now wages is an equal, or even seriously a winnable one. If Labour's modernisers can abolish

Clause IV, clinch a 95 per cent "yes" vote for their manifesto proposals, and top the lot by taking 418 seats at a general election, they

have little left to prove.

Then why is Peter Mandelson so determined to win an NEC seat that this August finds him campaigning frantically, while less energetic men sun themselves on beaches? The simplest explanation being advanced by

party officials is that someone simply had to stop Mr Livingstone. But this will not wash. Even with his presence added to that of Dennis Skinner and Diane Abbott, the left would still be outnumbered by 22 to three on the but as the man who rehuilt the NHS, sorted executive. And anyway, a husy Minister without Portfolio with a millennium exhibition to run, a dozen other affairs of state to attend to and a somewhat patchy claim to party popularity is hardly the best man for the job.

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Even those closest to Mr Mandelson agree that the "scupper Ken" line does not draw the wbole picture. The truth is that the minister wants more than anything to be what one friend described as "a hig and important politician".

Although Labour's former director of communications has come far, there has never been a real test of his popularity in the party. Never baving stood for any internal position, he has never been able to prove that party members really want what be has to offer. The key to this puzzle is a deep need for legitimacy.

Although Mr Mandelson's reputation is that of a revolutionary moderniser, his friends point out that he has deep roots within the Labour Party. He joined the party at 15; and his grandfather, Herbert Morrison, was deputy prime minister after Labour's 1945 landslide



Fran **Abrams**

Will it matter if Mandelson fails to get a seat on the NEC? To him, yes. But to the

> or the Labour Party?

Government

closeness to the Prime Minister already gives him all the power be needs, but as part of a lnng, sustained campaign to become a major political player. Will he succeed in reaching this latest staging-post? It is very hard to tell. While tales of his unpopularity abound - Mr Livingstone joked yesterday that his fellow MPs would stand him more drinks than he had

the NEC should be seen not as

an aberration by a man whose

been bought in 10 years if be beat off his challenger - no one knows what party members really think. And it is they who will decide, by one member, one

Mr Mandelson is taking no chances - he bas met more local party members since the election than any minister - but that is in the nature of the beast. One of the secrets of his success is that he rarely leaves anything to chance. The story of how be dropped into a fish and chip shop to ask for a portion of guacamole during the cam-paign for his Hartlepool seat may be apocryphal, hut reports that this metropolitan creature was seen regularly on the ter-races at Hartlepool United certainly are not.

His chances of success this

time are complicated by one more wild card. While Gordon Brown's and Jack Straw's votes are unlikely to transfer neatly to Mr Livingstone, the Welsh minister Peter Hain is also standing and could expect to pick up quite a few of them. It is just possible that in the end it will be be, and not Red Ken, who will see off Peter Mandelson's challenge.

And will it matter if Mandelson loses? To him, certainly, although it will not have much effect on his position as a minister. No one puts himself up for such a public test of strength without fearing the humiliation of defeat. But to the Government? To the Labour Party?

Maybe Mr Mandelson will win this hattle

and will go on to be the "big and serious" politician that be so elearly wants to be. And maybe, in years to come, history will remem-ber him not as a spin-doctor and moderniser out the pensions mess or launched a British space programme. But for now, we have no evidence of this. What we do know is that Peter Mandelson is a very effective spindoctor. All the rest is personal amhition, pure and simple.

That is not exactly a criticism, of course No one gets anywhere in politics unless they are personally amhitious. But to suggest that there is some grand battle of principles going on bere, that in some way New Labour needs this victory, is palpable nonsense. New Labour is already sated with victory, and some may wonder why the feeling has not spread as far as the office of the Minister Without Portfolio.

The portentous tone of the debate over what will happen in this election proves just one thing - that, as usual, Peter Mandelson is doing what he does best: spinning. Perhaps Labour's voters should ask themselves whether they would prefer him to do it for his party, for the Government, or just for

utes from the coast, so it's easy to go sailing," said Beth Robinson, a hand-

some woman in her thirties whose

business has a reputation as the

area's poshest estate agent. There is

money for yachts, and for second

homes on the North Antrim coast.

where. So she borrowed somebody

else's to take me to hunch. The new

"in" place was Deanes, a city-centre

histro with an extravagant mixture of

décor - simple lines cluttered by

Greek columns and urns - and a sim-

ilar magpie eye for food. "Recession

arrived unsolicited.

Beth's BMW was occupied else-

Keep the flag flying for our past glories

by Robert Winder

t was obviously going to take something special to knock the Di and Dodi show off the front pages and, surprise surprise, it's sport wot's done it. Chris Smith's announcement that team games (such as cricket. fontball and rugby) would not be included in the Government's £100m academy of sporting excellence has raised some predictable hackles. Lord MacLaurin, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, reacted to the news swiftly, suggesting that cricket be taken off the list of BBCbroadcast national events and freed to go after the big money on offer from satellite television. Chris Smith reacted equally swiftly: he called the chairman's bluff and agreed to "talk about it". In the space of just a few hours, cricket's future as an important national event was in jeopardy. Hang on, Dodi, this'll have to wait -

we're needed on another line. Breast-beating about our sporting setbacks has long been one of the nation's favourite sports; it can almost claim to deserve some sort of lottery bandout in its own right. And we are once more in a sporting slump - our athletes returned from Athens with a few silvers and bronzes, but no gold; and our cricketers have once again been bumhled by Australia, a country with a population only a sixth the size of ours. If only, as Tony Banks declared at the weekend, dreamily proposing a ban on national flags and

anthems at sporting encoun-ters, it didn't matter. If only the less likeable aspects of jingoistic nationalism could be filtered out of sport, leaving it as a playground for international comradeship and fun. If only. It is easy enough to

ympathise with Banks's views: there have been plenty of times in the recent past when the Union Flag has seemed like nothing so much as gang insignia - it fitted right in with lies and ugly brawls. This is the coarse side to flag-waving, hal there's also a fine and sentimental one. Athletes (and viewers) frequently blub when their national colours ride up the flagpole, and no wonder: it simultaneously focuses and expresses, through a simple ritual, the enormousness of their achievement (the best in the whole wide world - a childhood fantasy come true). And the flags are easily transferable. Emotional unionists, and even those who usually wave dragons and thistles, would have been moved by the spectacle of Welsh, Scottish and Irish beads shoved between English buttocks during the British Lions' triumphant tour of South Africa. And an against-the-odds victory in next month's Ryder Cup would do more for the image of



Athletes often blub when their national colours ride up the flagpole, and no wonder: the ritual expresses a childhood fantasy come true

the European flag than any number of urgent polemics on the merits of currency union. More to the point, though,

competition is – like it or not – wired into the very concept of sport. Sportsmen and women begin by beating their schoolmates; then they beat other schools, then other clubs, then other towns. If they are good enough, they get picked for can take on the best in the world. And in a significant symbolic sense they are ours, these sportsmen and women; they are the best we have to offer they are picked, as the saying goes, lo "represent" their countries. Nothing could be more natural than that we should want them to put us in a good light. These are our best feet we are putting forward; inevitably we are dismayed if they turn out not to be as fast or skilful as we fondly thought they were.

International sport is, if anything, growing in importance as an emblematic encounter hetween various competing national prides, if only because it is such an easy thing to have in common, such an available international language. When Tony Banks remarked that all the flag-waving made sport

seem like "an extension of war", he was going too far; on the contrary, it is a harmless euphemism for war, an innocent way for countries that dislike one another (America and the Soviet Union, for instance) to settle their differences on a basketball court or in kayaks. Throughout history, flags and banners are what people have rallied round or united beneath. Just as national stereotypes are the basis of most jokes, so sport offers a showcase for caricatures that sway close, sometimes, to racism: thus Kenyans are all lungs and steely legs, Italians

pickle resolve. No amount of wishing is likely to change this. But excellence, in Britain, has always been more highly esteemed if it seemed to have been achieved with some insouciance: we have, rather perversely, never much liked monomaniac grinders such as Nick Faldo, preferring happy-golucky types such as Ian Botham, or cheerful losers such as Frank

ning gymnasts at the drop of a hat. There is another reason why the Government's proposal to make Olympic sports a priority bas not been universally applauded. Put crudely, a big proportion of Britain's sports Olympic-type sports as sports. Or rather, they are sports, hut not games. They are tediously statistical and quantifiable (bad for arguments in the pub); they're all about David Coleman are all bot-tempered virtuosi, crying, "And just listen to this ... forty seven point four - a new alland we Brits are all beer-andcomers' European indoor best!" Only rarely do they generate the kind of national pick-me-up delivered by Britain's traditional pastimes - football, rugby, cricket, golf and even tennis. These days, if a British player gets back a couple of serves, it's time to clear the back page.

itarian regimes have always

liked athletics: the Russians,

especially, could whisk 10-year-

olds into bot-house programmes

and turn out gold medal-win-

To a certain extent it is ironic tbat a Labour government, even a New Labour government, should be giving priority to the most emphatically individualistic sport there is. But it clearly is part of any govern-ment's role to subsidise ailing interests, and athletics certainly seems to fit the bill, even if it is at the expense of "bigger" or more bistoric pursuits. And perhaps that, after all, is the nub of it. Not may countries are quite so ambitious in quite so many fields as we are.

Brazilians have football, New Zealanders have their All Blacks, but neither is so arrogant to believe that they can also produce world-beaters in we hanker after greatness in football, cricket, rugby, golf. tennis, athletic, boxing and motor sport - not to mention anything to do with boats or borses. Are we spreading our-selves too thinly? Probably. But perhaps we owe it to our past to do so. All of these sports are - more or less (athletics is Greek) - British gifts to the world, the most durable and popular legacy of our imperial adventures. It behoves us, in a way, to keep the flag flying, even if these days it is, more often than not, at half mast.

· Forget the politics, feel the quality of life

his being Ireland, we begin with a myth. There are more BMWs per head of population in Ulster than there are in the rest of the United Kingdom. Not true, said Yuile Magee. He should know. He's the managing director of The Bavarian Garage in Belfast, currently the UK's BMW Dealer of the Year.

"People are always saying it, but I've never seen figures to substantiate it," be said. Indeed, he doubts there could be any, for BMW's exclusive marketing technique is to look at the total number of cars sold in an area, decide that their market share should be 3 per cent, and then send the local dealer the determined number of cars. As a result, there is a waiting list until next Easter for the new Z3 roadster. It's a sales technique that the snave, blazered Yuile eloquently describes as: "When the bar's closed everyone wants a drink".

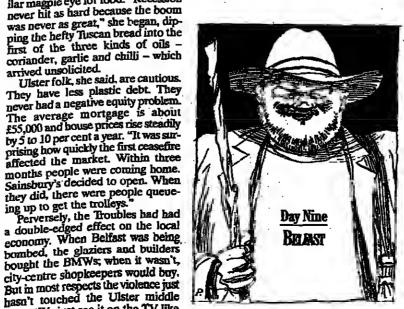
But it's a useful myth. Like all myths, it survives because it bas res-

onance. For it speaks of the extraordinarily high quality of life in the province, a fact that goes against the received view of Northern Ireland as a mean, violent, poor, heavily sub-sidised place. Such stereotypes are what keep the province's beautiful, white sand beaches and verdant glens so wonderfully free of tourists. But there is more to the good life in Northern Ireland than that. "Disposable income is high here," said

sansoury's decided to open, when they did, there were people queueing up to get the trolleys."

Perversely, the Troubles had had a double-edged effect on the local economy. When Beliast was being bombed, the glaziers and builders bought the BMWs; when it wasn't, Yuile. The schools are very good. So city-centre shopkeepers would buy. there's far less spent on private edu-But in most respects the violence just hasn't touched the Ulster middle cation, which saves an average middle-class family with three kids, say, £18,000 a year. "It has some of class. "We just see it on the TV like you do," said the nice woman from the best - and least expensive - golf outside Ballymena, whom I had met courses in Europe. London-style on the boat train. For all that, commuting is unknown: most people middle-class weekend dinner parties are bome in 15 minutes, so the child studiously avoid the topics of politics ren aren't in bed when you get back."

AJOURNEY AROUND THE WHOLE ISLAND OF GREAT BRITAIN



WITH PAUL VALLELY are urbane and apparently normal in every other respect," said Beth, "have such ridiculous views." The middle class eschew politics,

to the extent that the area's most chic eating place, Shanks Restaurant, half-an-hour's drive into the North Down countryside, closes at the height of the dread marching season. "Most of my customers go on boliday for a formight, to escape," said the chef/proprietor, Robbie Millar. But Shanks, too, shows the under-

side of the peace dividend. The Troubles kept the multinationals out of Ulster, Yuile Magee had told me, but now the big boys were coming in.

A Hilton is being built to rival the empire of hig botels owned by a local family. The local supermarket chain, Stewarts, has been sold to Tesco.

Before, the directors of those local firms bought BMWs from me," Yuile had said. But the conglomerates have their directors in London and local managers just get VWs or suchlike. "It's going to bring a much bigger change than the people of Northern Ireland realise. Money which once circulated in the province will now be sucked out to the head

office in London. The fracturing force of the new economic global reality was evident at Shanks, too. One of the directors from Stewarts was in that lunch time with his Tesco redundancy cheque, wondering whether he would be able to find another job. And the impact is wider. "Stewarts used local produce - even the herbs were local," said Robbie. "What will happen to

local suppliers now?" At mid-afternoon, in the bar, Robbie's wife, Shirley, was chatting to the rest of the community would agree, woman from the local wine

while," he shouted across the room. "He doesn't entertain as much these days," the rep replied diplomatically.

They used to supply Stewarts, too," Robbie whispered.
That evening Paul Rankin, the

owner of Roscoff, the province's first Michelin-starred restaurant, where Robbie was once head chef, visited his protégé for dinner. Rankin, a tall, wild man with stubble goatee, long curly hair and grizzled features, was greeted with warmth by the besuited clientele, who were evidently regulars at Roscoff, too.

"This man's from The Indepen dent," he said, introducing me to one

chap.
"You must know my cousin, Cal McCrystal," he repli "Are you a cousin of Cal McCrystal?" said another man, rising from his table. "So am I." The two men fell into intent conversation and I moved on. Northern Ireland, Beth had told

me, was just one big family. Rankin, who trained with the Roux Brothers, was at the wine list, choosing a bottle each of what turned out to be a formidable Californian chardonnay and pinot noir. I mentioned Yuile's thesis to him. He was unfazed. "We have to develop out of the siege mentality," said the Ulsterman, "and shake the place out of mediocrity. We have to learn to

compete not just with Northern Ire-

land, but with the whole UK." Tucking into smoked chicken with seared fole gras, calves' liver sauced with exquisite intensity, and a consummate mango cheesecake, it was not hard to concur. But whether the one suspected, was a rather different



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Soaring VAT payments help take the pressure off government debt as the threat of a bear market recedes

Tax surge boost for the public finances

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

The highest level of VAT receipts since records began meant the public sector paid back much more of its borrowings last month than economists had expected. Gilts initially welcomed the news because the repayment will reduce the number of govern-ment bonds in issue but there were also worries that the figures painted a picture of an overheating economy that will require higher interest rates to

calm activity.

The £3.875bn repayment in
July compared with a £4.64bn deficit in June and a £1.84bn repayment a year ago. It meant the cumulative deficit after four months of the current fiscal year is running at little more than half last year's shortfall. The aggregate deficit of £4.367bn compares with last vear's £8.11bn.

There was good news on spending, with departmental outlays up by just 0.2 per cent year on year, suggesting that the restraint seen in the second half of last year continues this time. But most of the good news came on the receipts side, with VAT receipts 32 per cent higber year on year, corporation tax up by 14 per cent and income tax 12 per cent higher, suggesting a limited impact from the introduction of self-assess-

ment for the self-employed. . Although July is normally a favourable month for public sector finances due to large payments of both income and corporation tax, analysts said the number exceeded expectations by some margin. According to CIBC Wood Gundy, the strength was mainly associated spending during the summer as consumers took advantage of windfall payments.

He took a sanguine view of the implications of the figures, adding: "The main consideration for gilt investors should be demutualisations.

the improving trend in public finances. It is true that a large part of the falling PSBR is due to the economic cycle, but the latest figures suggest public spending is still subdued."

Jonathan Loynes at HSBC Markets also took heart from the data, which he described as "an excellent set of numbers, which confirm that the public finances are feeling the benefits of the recent acceleration

in activity."

He added: "After a disappointing first quarter to the financial year, the PSBR is back on track to meet or even undershoot the official fullyear forecast of £13bn."

Geoffrey Dicks, economist at Nat West Markets, also wel-comed the figures: "The strength of consumer spending is having a major impact on the cyclical component of the PSBR while public spending restraint is tackling the structural component. Although the markets were expecting a debt repayment this month, its scale has outweighed expectations."

Other economists were, however, less optimistie. Commerzbank economist Chris Barclay said he was surprised to see gilts responding positively to the numbers, given that the major concern for government bonds is how far interest rates may have to climb to quell in-

"Sbort sterling contracts are suggesting rates are set to peak at 7 or perhaps 7.25 per cent and there is a big risk that this is too optimistic," he added. Morgan Stanley economist Mark Miller agreed that strong corporation tax receipts and a record VAT contribution were economy may barden the monetary outlook for the UK and He warned that the VAT

with the pick-up in high street so have a negative impact". numbers suggest that retail sales data, due to be released tomorrow, could well be strong, boosted in part by the windfall bonuses from building society



Spending power: The strength of consumer demand is having a beneficial impact on the public sector borrowing requirement

Markets shrug off meltdown fears

Tom Stevenson

Stock markets on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday shrugged off the weekend's direst predictions of a sharp correction or worse following dramatic falls

The FTSE 100 closed 30.8 points lower at 4835.0, close to its high for the day, after Wall Street held its ground in early afternoon trading. Both markets recorded their

biggest one-day falls since the 1987 crash at the end of last week, with the FTSE 100 also posting its biggest percentage fall for five years. But yesterday City analysts were dismissing comparisons with 10 years ago, citing strong institutional liq-uidity as a major support for

"My belief is that this is an aberration and if institutional investors take advantage of the correction to get back in, both US and domestic investors, we may see a strong end to the week" said Savvas Savouri, a strategist at Credit Lyonnais

that sanguine outlook. Steve are just settling a bit. It's a small Wright at BZW said: "It doesn't seem like we are heading for the meltdowns of the past. Valuations look extreme but they are more justified than in 1987."

He added that big City investors currently had 5.5 per cent of their portfolios in cash, about twice the proportion in 1987. That, be said, was a very high cash balance given the fact that interest were close to peaking in the current cycle.

Robert Kerr at Nikko agreed with those sentiments: "I don't think this is the beginning of a bear market. The foundations a level consistent with its target

Argos, the catalogue retailer, issued a warning on consumer spending yesterday saying the cur-rent booyancy was not sustainable, writes Nigel Cope. Chief executive Mike Smith described the windfall factor, created by millions of building society customers enjoying large payouts, would run ont of steam towards the end of the year as higher interest rates took their toll. "If consumer confidence was there you would

be seeing more liberal buying," Mr Smith said.
"But it is patchy and selective. It is our view that once people have spent what they want to of the windfalls they will not then dip into savings. We Other strategists agreed with think there will be a slowdown."

of restraining inflation to 2.5 per earthquake, no-one burt."

Following a period of under-performance compared with the FTSE 100's high-flying He expressed the widely beld view that there remained good value in the market's second line and smaller stocks, which infinancial, oil and pharmaceutical stocks, second line industrial clude many companies that have suffered at the hands of the companies have bounced back soaring pound. On Friday, sharply in relative terms. many medium sized exporting companies actually saw their According to Robert Buck-land, UK strategist at HSBC James Capel: "We would say shares rise despite the fall in the

stocks are starting to look in-teresting again. I don't see a index of leading companies. Exchange-rate-sensitive stocks bear market." He admitted, received a boost last week after the Bank of England said it behowever, that what happened in lieved interest rates had reached

Despite the calm, yet another Mr Smith was speaking as Argos amounced lower half profits of £28.1m compared to £31.8m the previous year. Stripping out new store openings, sales are growing at 8 per cent in current trading

Sales of consumer electronics, furniture and small domestic appliances were strong, helped by building society windfalls. However, sales of DIY goods, gifts and toys were weaker.

Argos said it hoped to benefit from the proposals to ban recommended retail prices for electrical goods. The company has cut its prices in its current catalogue in an attempt to maintain its price differentials.

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Capital Corp may sue rumour mongers

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Capital Corporation. troubled casinos group, said yesterday it was considering legal action against a group of people it claims have been spreading damaging accusations about the command. nons about the company.

The company went on the offensive after a steady stream of accusations, which have in-cluded allegations that Alan Hearn and Garry Nesbitt, the chief executive and former chairman, failed to inform the rest of the board about an offer for the group and that the board removed a profits warning from its interim results last September.

The company said yester-day: "We recognise that there has been a concerted campaign by various undeclared parties to link activities, both factual and fanciful, of the past management to the present manage ment team.

"We are currently exploring he credentials and motivation of those who we suspect insti-gated the campaign and are de-termining whether it is in the company's best interests to take

The company said the board was taking the issues seriously and that the current board was right for the company. Garry Nesbitt has stepped back from the chairman position but re-mains a non-executive director. Alan Hearn was appointed as chief executive last autumn.

sharp drop in the Dow Jones in-

dex or fears of monetary tight-

ening in the US or continental

Europe are expected to rattle

London investors, and some

warned that as much as a 10 per-

London's blue chip index

bad gained 24 per cent this year

by the time it reached its all-time best of 5,095.3 on August 7.

Since then, it bas lost 6.2 per

"We've got a 4,800 year-end target and we don't expect it to

move a lot from here", said Ian

Scott, UK equity strategist at Lehman Brothers. Most other

strategists are also pencilling in

a year-end figure of around cur-

One exception to the generally sanguine outlook was

Richard Jeilrey, bead of re-

search at Charterhouse Tilney.

He said: "There is much greater

excess demand than the market

has realised. Interest rates will

have to go much higher as a re-

sult and base rates will get to 8

per cent before they peak." He forecast the FTSE 100 index

falling to 4,400 by the year end.

rent levels.

cent correction could ensue.

The company admitted that investors must be concerned about recent developments but said it had received no calls from institutional investors in the

last few days.

Analysts believe the Gaming Board, which regulates the casinos industry, will be forced to take a look at the company even though it endorsed the group's controls in the recent Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the £192m bid for Capital by London Club's international. The bid was blocked by the government on competition grounds earlier this month.

The Stock Exchange and the Department of Trade and Industry may also look at the group's affairs though both refused to comment yesterday on whether they will mount an Market report, page 19 | investigation.

RJB Mining seeks to calm fears of further pit closures

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

RJB Mining sought to head off fears of further imminent pit closures yesterday, after announcing plans to shut down Asfordby Mine in Leicestershire, the UK's most advanced pit.
Gordon McPbie, RJB fi-

nance director, said each of the remaining 15 pits had a separate business plan which could guarantee their future, at least until reserves were exhausted.

The company is currently ne-gotiating new coal contracts with the three big coal-burning electricity generators, National Power, PowerGen and Eastern Group. The existing contracts, which guarantee RJB 30 million tonnes of coal for the generators, expire next April. So far contacts for just 3 million tonnes have been agreed, involving the Selby coalfield and the adjacent Drax power station complex.

Mr McPhie said the generating companies were unlikely to switch to buying much of their coal on the world spot markets, despite lower prices for imports. "It isn't going to happen. The generators burnt a total of 50 million tonnes of coal last year.

Mr McPhie. RJB is thought to be pressing for an average price of £1.28 per gigajoule for its supplies, against around £1.20 suggested by the generators, a difference of about £4 a tonne. The talks are not likely to con-

clude until the end of this year. David Price, from the industry journal Coal UK, said the position had worsened in recent months, with electricity burnt from coal down by some 25 per cent this year. "The market is declining rapidly and Budge, as the swing supplier, is taking all the hits."

Shares in RJB fell 5p yesterday to 312.5p, compared with a 12 month peak of 565p, on the news that Asfordby was to close after suffering years of geological problems. The share price compares with the 320p offer price for shares in the 1994 How are they going to get all that from the spot market?" said rights issue, when RJB raised £385m to help fund the £815.3m purchase of British Coal's Eng-

lisb pits.

Malcolm Edwards, the for-mer British Coal commercial director whose company, Coal Investments, went into administration last year, claimed it was too late for the industry to secure the bulk of the remaining pits. "You've got to look to something cataclysmic to get a

major sea change in public opinion. The time to act was in 1992 when 31 pits were closed." RIB anticipated the trouble with Asfordby early last year, when it wrote off £78m from the

asset value of the pit. At the

time Richard Budge, RJB chief executive, said he was giving the

site "one last go" to try to ex-tract coal profitably.

British Coal originally envisaged production of 4.5 million tons a year from Asfordby, which would have a 25 year life and gradually replace the previous "super-pits" in the Selby complex. But the forecasts were lowered as the geological difficulties arose.

At the time of RJB's rights issue in 1994 the company showed the latest British Coal predictions of 2.7 million tons by 1999, an estimate later halved by RJB.

The pit made an operating loss of £16.3min 1995, followed by further losses of £19.9m last year. However this year it had broken even, though only by mining a much smaller face after work on the 250 metre long main face had been aban-

Safeway steps up store price battle

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Safeway yesterday raised the possibility of a fresh price battle between the big supermarkets when it announced a £20m price promotion designed to dispel its image as an expensive store. The announcement came as Sainsbury's revealed plans to open more branches throughout the night on Fridays to offer shoppers more flexibility. Safeway's Price Protected

Initiative guarantees lower prices on 650 of its best selling branded and own-label products. Customers who find one of their products on sale cheaper at Tesco, Sainsbury or Asda will be given another one free - or a full refund. But the offer only applies to stores within three miles of the Safeway branch and within seven days of purchase

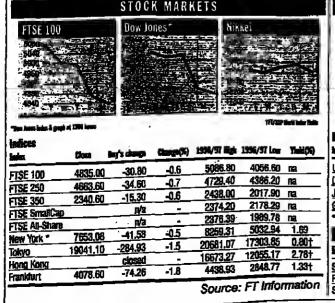
A Safeway spokeswoman said: "Some customers still perceive Safeway to be more expensive, even though that is not true. This promotion is about

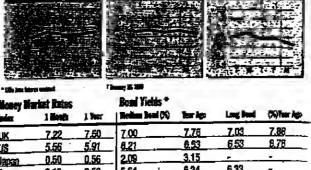
redressing that mis-conception." Rival supermarkets said they would not be responding with price campaigns of their own. Asda said customers were more interested in year-round low prices rather than one-off cam-

However, Frank Davidson, food retail analyst at HSBC James Capel, said the Safeway promotion could spark a price battle on fresb produce as many of the offers are in this area. "It could be produce price war mark two. If the prices are cheaper than Tesco and Asda, they will not going to allow that

Separately, Sainsbury is to open a further 18 of its stores all night on Friday, starting from this week. This brings the total number of all-Friday night stores to 47. A spokeswoman said 10.30pm to 1.30am was the busiest time with families and shift workers shopping.

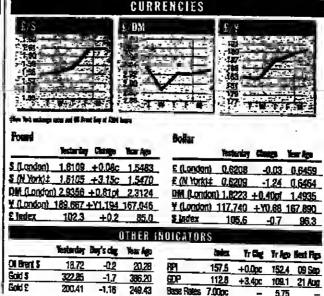


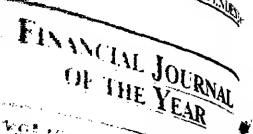




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of next April '

Don't waste any tears over Asfordby, Minister

Once the great white hope of the British coal industry, Asfordby Mine in North East Leicestershire, is to close. A copy of a confidential memo on the matter, written by a senior civil servant for the benefit of John Bartle, the industry minister, has fallen into our hands. In the interests of open Government, we here reproduce it. Given the hurried nature of its preparation, it is unharacteristically blunt.

"I wouldn't waste any tears over Asfordby if I were you. To tell the truth, everyone knew all along it was a hit of dog; il was only ever huilt as a sop to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, who demanded it as part of their price for supporting the Government during the Miners' strike. There were actu-ally better sites available, but there you go. As you are no doubt learning, government is all about compromises.

'Actually it's turned out to be a rather higher price than any of us anticipated. Not that you should believe old Budgie's claim that because of adverse geological conditions, it has become impossible to make it sufe. Volcanic silk - I ask you! More investment on top of the £300m already spent would undoubtedly have done the trick.

"The real problem here has little to do with safety. As usual it is much more about commerce and the fact that RJB's contracts with the electricity generators come to an end at the beginning of next April. So far Mr Budge has only been able to sign up one con-

that's only a short term one. "What Mr Budge is saying here is I've closed Asfordby and I'll close more if you don't force the genfail to materialise. By the same token, howinstitutions reeling. erators to pay me a decent price for my coal. They don't have to, you see. They are progressively switching to gas and anyway, they can huy imported coal much cheaper. With

the present strength of the pound, these alternative sources of fuel get cheaper by the day. Asfordby is already a lost cause; it's never going to be economic. But the rest is still up for grabs. "So there you go. If you don't step in and

force the generators to pay up, what little is left of the coal industry might all but disap-pear. There is a perfectly respectable line of argument to say that this would be no had thing. Your predecessor, Tim Eggar, certainly thought so. Coal is nasty, environ-mentally unfriendly stuff and nobody could possibly enjoy working in a mine. As for RIB, well the Government certainly doesn't owe Mr Budge a living. He's already made hack most of what he paid for British Coal. In any case, the generators will have to buy some coal from him, if not on quite the same lucrative terms as before. They cannot buy all their needs on the spot market.

"If you were wise, then, you wouldn't

Few things can he relied on in the stock market as much as the ability of newstract to support his mines thereafter, and papers falsely to call a stock market crash.

ever, when the City consensus is that the market is supported at current levels, it normally

After last Friday's sharp falls on both sides of the Atlantic, neither the weckend headlines nor vesterday's anti-climax should have come as any surprise. More worrying is the hlithe insouciance with which equity strategists are writing off the prospect of a serious market correction.

Their case for doing so is little more than a variation on that old "things are different now" theme. The factors that normally kill a bull run are just not there this time round, the experts say. Inflation is a shadow of its former self, recession is a long way off and interest rates are close to peaking.

Perhaps as important, liquidity is strong with institutions awash with cash that will eventually find its way back into the market. The bull market this year has also been very narrowly focused.

Strip out the banks, oils and pharmaceuticals and few other shares have done anything at all, which means there is still plenty of value among the second liners, especially thuse which have been under the cosh thanks to the strength of sterling.

The final plank in this sanguine (if not exactly bullish) argument is that the corporate sector is actually handing cash back to shareholders, unlike in 1987 when a flood

To believe that rosy scenario, however, you have to go along with the view implicit in the short sterling market that interest rates will peak at somewhere between 7.25 and 7.5 per cent. That takes a lot on trust about the temporary nature of this summer's windfall consumer binge and turns a blind eye to the

freefall in the unemployment figures. Although we are experiencing what the Bank of England calls its "policy pause", it has been correctly pointed out that pauses tend to be breaks between movements in the same direction. Interest rates are on the way up and probably further than the market expects. That's hardly a recipe for a contin-

Casinos have always inhahited a rather murky world. For all the dinner suits, fine wines, posh clientele and gilded decor, scandal and untoward behaviour is never far from their doors, which is why they are so heavily regulated.

But for all that, the goings-on at Capital Corporation, owner of Crockfords and the Colony Club, take some beating. Bit by hit some extra-ordinary little vignettes are being drip fed into the newspapers about this company. It ought to be remembered here that Capital is actually quite a small enter-

warns

losses will

continue

months to June and warned it

would remain loss-making in the

The comments were the lat-

est in a string of profits warn-

ings from the company which

has been hil by the strength of

sterling and a slump in sales at

Operating losses of £2.9m compared with a profit in the first half of 1996 of £1.85m. Only

the disposal of two of its sub-

sidiaries during the period cre-

ated any attributable profit and

earnings per share of 0.1p com-

pared with 1.4p a year ago. There will be no interim dividend (0.425p).

James Bailey, chairman, said:

"In summary, this has been a

very difficult period for the

group. However, corrective ac-

tion has been taken in the Dis-

play Division which has been

primarily responsible for the

poor first-half performance."

second half.

its largest division.

hardly in the Guinness league. Even so, it cannot be too long before shareholders, and more importantly, the regulatory authorities, start demanding answers.

For starters there are accusations of phone tapping and other surveillance operations, inadequate gaming controls and questionable controls in the food and beverage department. There seems to have been open warfare amongst the board. Accusations are flying between past and present

directors like confetti. Now the company has fallen out with a group of disgruntled former employees who feel wronged by the board. On top of this there have been two unpublished external reports into the gaming and wine buyings side of the business.

Capital admits that it may not have been run the way a public company ought to be. But corrective action has now been taken, the company insists, and these things are now a thing of the past - a claim that might carry a little more credibility were it not for the fact that Garry Nesbitt, the former chairman, is still on the board.

Who's feeding out this stuff and for what purpose? Has the company really cleaned up its act or is more corrective action still needed? All these questions demand answers. It might actually benefit the company if regulators were to step in and provide some. The longer this drags on without some form of external investigation, the prise, and the events complained of are more Capital faces death by a thousand cuts.

Bioglan Pharma plans £200m float next year

Sameena Ahmad

Bioglan Pharma, one of the UK's oldest and most profitable pharmaceutical companies, plans a £200m float on the main stock market next year.

In an unusual decision for normally cash-hungry drug groups, Bioglan, which was in-corporated in 1932 and has subsidiaries in five countries. cluding Germany and the US. may not raise any new money when it floats.

Terry Sadler, who joined the company as chairman and chief group was turning over £94,000 executive in 1985, transforming and employed three people. it from a vitamin group to a drug delivery specialist, said Bioglan was profitable and would not need to seek new money unless it wanted to make more acquisitions, a possibility in the US.

We have always generated enough cash internally to fund our research. We are an unusual comingation. We're UK-based. we invest heavily in research and we're profitable," he said.

Since Mr Sadler joined, the Merck and Novartis. Though only once, £10m with private investors last year.

The company manufactures like acne and psoriasis, but is investing in potentially lucrative drug delivery technologies.

The group, which employs 170 people, more than doubled pre-tax profits to £1.4m on take has vast potential. Poor turoover 53 per cent ahead to compliance is one of the biggest £15m in the year to January. When Mr Sadler joined the

Mr Sadler, who owns 56.8 per cent of Bioglan's shares, said a flotation would increase the group's attraction to hig drug partners: "We want to henchmark the company. There is a tendency for hig pharma companies to take a public company more seriously." Hitchin-based Bioglan already has licensing agreements with

major drug groups, including

company has raised finance the company currently makes its money from manufacture and sale of skin creams like Metrogcl for acne and Cocosis for and sells a range of prescription scalp diseases, it is investing drugs to treat skin conditions around £3m a year in novel drug delivery technologies. Mr Sadler plans a significant rise in R&D spend to around £17m over the next three years: "Making drugs which are easier to problems facing any pharmaceutical company trying to sell its drugs. There is a great need for methods which make taking drugs less painful and disruptive." The company is focusing on novel protein delivery technology, the most difficult and competitive, but potentially most lucrative drug delivery market. Important proteins like insulin or human growth factor currently cannot be taken by mouth as they are broken down by the stomach and have to be



Terry Sadler: Transformed Bioglan from a vitamin group to a lucrative drug delivery specialist

phere technology enables molecules to be applied to the skin and released over two weeks. He expects the company's most advanced product, a gel used with antiviral drugs, to reach market by 1999. "Drug delivery companies work with existing drugs, not new chemicals. Time to market is quicker," said Mr

Mr Sadler said a flotation injected instead, Bioglan's bioswould also increase stock liq-

want to reward investors and we are all in this company for getting out." Shareholders in the company, which is being advised by Hoare Govett, include Abbey Life Assurance and Shell

uidity, though he said he did not intend to sell more than "a minium" of his own bolding: "We employees for their support. But the long term. There is no questinn of us cashing in and

Microvitec's computer display business was hit during the period by the decision of financial information group Bloomberg to move out of the hardware market. Sales to Bloomberg were worth £7.2m in the first half of 1996. Their absence contributed to a 47 per cent slump in turnover.

Microvitec Merrydown hit by departure of finance chief

Clifford German Microvitec, the troubled computer software house, crashed into the red yesterday for the six

Merrydown, the troubled cider groop, has lost its finance director just months after the departure of its sales director. The management shake-out comes after disappointing results caused by plummeting sales of Two Dogs Lemonade in the wake of the public outery about alcopops. However chairman and chief executive Richard Pudgey has so far survived the

group restructuring. Stephen Burke, Merrydown's 1994, has left the company with immediate effect, and will be replaced by his deputy, Michael Dinnis, the company said yes-terday. Sales director Alan Rutherford left earlier this summer and will not be replaced.

Mr Burke, is expected to receive a pay-off of around £150,000, based on a two-year contract and a basic salary of £54,950 and a remuneration package of £88,365 according to the last accounts. An auditor by training, he was formerly group acquisitions manager at Dunhill Holdings. He had no immediate plans for the future, a spokes-

man for the company said. Company sales fell by 5 per cent and profits more than halved to just £820,000 in the year to the end of March, even

worse than the market had expected following a profit warning earlier in the year. When the results were announced last month the company admitted that the board was top-heavy for a company with a market capitalisation of little more than £5m, and announced its intention of reducing administra-

tive costs by up to £1.5m.
But the City had openly spec ulated that the 55-year-old Richard Purdey would himself be a casualty, and that he would either retire completely or befinance director since April came a non-executive chairman, passing executive control to the managing director.

The company has been a victim of the price war between the larger UK cider makers and the failure of Two Dogs, which pione ered the craze for alcopops two years ago, and helped to generate profits of just over £2m in the year to March 1996. The popularity of alcopops has wanted in recent months and several supermarket groups have withdrawn it from their shelves.

Merrydown still makes Two Dogs, bot the marketing and distribution was transferred to Scottish Courage in April. Scottish Courage will also provide the marketing and advertising spend. Merrydown's shares edged up 0.5p to 60.5p yesterday.

IN BRIEF

Franchise industry declared out of touch

More than two thirds of franchisors withdraw from the market within the first 10 years of being in business, while 50 per cent leave within the first five years, according to a study of 1,600 UK retail franchises conducted by accountants KPMG. The report argues that franchising is not as successful as many in the industry believe. It says the franchise industry places excessive stress on puniformity and conformity, an approach which is out of touch in today's competitive business market.

Burmah pays £28m for SMC

Burmah Castrol, the chemicals group, has purchased SMC, a foundry chemicals business, from Germany's Dynamit Nobel AG, for £28m. It is also selling Columbia Cement, its US-based adhesives company, for £15m. Burmah said it will report an exceptional pre-tax loss of £17m from the Columbia Cement sale, relating to goodwill. Burmah said the deals are in line with its strategy of repositioning the chemicals portfolio and giving greater focus to its foundry, steelmills, construction and screen printing inks businesses.

Kvaerner wins £140m Sellafield contract

Kvaemer, the Norwegian engineering and shipping group, is heading a consortium which has won £140m contract to design and build a radioactive waste facility for British Nuclear Fuel at Sellafield. Tarmac, the construction group, AEA Technology and Design Group Partnership are also part of the winning team.

Strong pound hits two thirds of firms

Two thirds of UK companies have suffered from the recent strength of sterling according to a survey of corporate treasurers by Record Treasury Management. Eighty-six per cent of treasurers favour joining European monetary union as some stage, up from 74 per cent last year. But just 15 per cent say the UK should join in 1999.

Profits rise at Wilson & Horton

Wilson & Horton, the New Zealand subsidiary of Independent wisson & Horion, the New Zealand substituary of independent Newspapers which owns 46 per cent of the publisher of The Independent, announced a 17 per cent increase in post-tax profits to NZSZI.3m. The results reflect an increase in operating earnings from the New Zealand Herald.

Quintain completes £79.5m disposal

Quintain Estates, the property investor, has completed the £79.5m Quintain Estates, the property investor, has completed the £79.5m disposal of the majority of the properties it acquired with the acquisition of Fiscal Properties to Fieldmore. Part of the proceeds quisition of Fiscal Properties to Fieldmore and the proceeds will go to repay the £49.3m loan it took out to purchase Fiscal.

Abbey National raises saving rates

Abbey National is the latest bank to raise interest rates in line with the recent quarter point rise in base rates. Investor 90 day savings account will rise by 0.25 per cent by August 20.

Prestbury not set to buy Domino's Pizza

Prestbury Leisure yesterday denied press reports that it would Prestbury Leisure yesterody defined press reports that it would acquire Domino's Pizza, saying it had not reached any acquisiacquire Domino's Pizza, saying it had not reached any acquisiacquire Domino's Priza, saying it may not reached any acquisi-tion agreements. The company said that although "discussions that taken place with a number of parties regarding future ac-have taken place with a number of parties regarding future acnave taken place with a number of parties regarding future quisitions, at this stage no agreements have been reached."

Carpet king nets £15m for property group

Lord Harris of Peckham, the carpet king, and his family have made £15.6m from the sale of their private retail property company. The tycoon has sold C W Harris Properties to Pillar Property, the quoted property investor that specialises in retail warehouse parks and shopping centres.
Over the past three years

Lord Harris has built a property portfolio consisting mainly of out-of-town retail freeholds. CW Harris owns five relail warehouse schemes and a high street shop in St Alhans. The warehouses are in Luton, Orpington, Dartford, Carmarthen and Preston and have a total floor-space of 350,000 square feet and an annual rent income of £3.5m.

Pillar is paying for the deal with 80 per cent cash (£12.4m) and 20 per cent of shares (£3.2m) valued at 231p a share. Lord Harris's family has agreed not to sell the shares for at least six months.

Pillar has been huilt up hy chairman Raymond Mould and his colleague Patrick Vaughan. The duo came to fame when they founded the Arlington group of husiness parks in the 1980s, hefore selling up to British Aerospace. They formed Pillar in 1991 and floated it three years later. This latest deal hrings Pillar's total number of retail parks to 20. Lord Harris said yesterday

that he had "every confidence in the management of Pillar and the future success of the company." He said he was pleased be and his family would be bolding 1.2 million Pillar shares. All the warehouse develop-

ments sold to Pillar are fully let to tenants like Lord Harris's Carpetright group, as well as Currys, Halfords, Homebase, MFI and B&Q. The average unexpired lease length is 18 years. The investment properties of

Harris Properties are valued at

June 1997 stood at £25.9m. which included £11.7m of loans which will be repaid nn completion of the deal. Mr Mould commented: "The

additions of these properties to Pillar's already substantial retail park portfolio underlines our strategy of investing in a sector which continues to demonstrate well above average growth."

The deal also means yet another fortune for Lord Harris, the self-made millionaire who sold his first carpet at the age of 13 in Peckham market.

He went on to hulld a nationwide carpet shop chain Harris Queensway which he sold at the height of the 1980s boom. But he couldn't keep away from the action and founded Carpetright in 1988 which itself boasts nearly 300 stores. What became Lowndes Queensway went bust at the beginning of the recession, some-thing Lord Harris hitterly

Littlechild urged to stand firm on electricity cuts

Chris Godsmark

Business Correspondent

Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry regula-tor, was yesterday urged to stand firm over his bid to slash electricity prices by more than £30 a customer, despite intense ssure from suppliers to scrap his latest proposals.

The Electricity Consumers' Committees insisted the plans for a cap on bills was the only vay to guarantee benefits to customers when domestic competition starts from next April. Professor Littlechild has al-

companies (RECs) for the first time, compared with the current price regime where higher generating costs can he passed through to bills.

He has that estimated the move would cut average hills by 12 per cent next year, to £238 excluding VAT. Yvonne Constance, chair-man of the ECC, said the new

system would mean RECs would "be forced to negotiate hard with the generators to win the lowest prices for those consumers who do not switch to new suppliers". She added that the maximum tariff was "the ready proposed maximum tar- only way to achieve this key puriffs for regional electricity pose."

The regulator will reveal the latest proposals for electricity supply price controls tomorrow. The final plans are due to he published on 22 September giving the companies until 27 October to accept or reject the controls.

Some RECS have already

warned Professor Littlechild and John Battle, the industry minister, that they could take the issue to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. They claimed their profit margins on electricity supply, the ele-ment of hills being opened to competition, would plunge into losses of up to £50m for each

Midland

Midland Interest Rates for Business Customers

New husiness rates effective from 18 August 1997

	Gross %	Gross CAR %
MoneyMaster		
Up to £5,000	3.46	3.50
£5,000+	3.76	3.80
£25,000+	4.05	4.10
£100,000+	4.10	4,15
£250,000+	4.34	4.40
Premium Business Account		
£5,000+	4.80	4.90
£25,000+	5.28	5.40
£100,000+	5.51	5.65
£250,000+	5.70	5.85
Clients Premium Deposit Accou	mt	
£25,000+	4.70	4.75
£100,000+	5.14	5.20
Education Account		
Up to £25,000	4.61	4.70
£25,000+	5.09	5.21
Treasurer Account		
Up to £2,000	1.00	1.00
£2,000+	2.23	2,25
£10,000+	4,17	4.25

Gross: The rate before the deduction of tax. CAR: Compound Annual Rate, or the true Gross return taking into account the frequency of interest payments.

With effect from the 7th August 1997 Midland Bank's Base Rate has been increased by 0.25% to 7.00% p.a.

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Taylor Nelson earmarks up to £30m for overseas buying spree

Cathy Newman

Taylor Nelson AGB, the UK's largest market research company, is planning to spend up to £30m on foreign acquisitions. It is planning a spending spree to take advantage of cheap buying opportunities abroad created by the strong pound.

The company said vesterday it had £10m in cash to make overseas purchases, in particular in Eastern Europe. Analysts predicted Taylor Nelson could comfortably spend £25-30m on expansion, through a comhination of cash and debt.

Tony Cowling, chief executive, said the strength of the pound provided a golden op-portunity for a UK company to

expand internationally. He said media, healthcare and conhe was "actively" identifying acquisitions, and would anticipate closing a deal in the next six months, if the price was right. Mr Cowling added that Taylor Nelson would like to buy in Russia and Scandinavia, but said prices in the US and the Far East were prohibitive.

Strong profits from its most recent acquisition - a Danish company that deals in audience measurement of TV, radio, and press, which it bought for £6m three months ago - encouraged it to look at the possibilities of expansion in Northern Europe. Reporting a 38 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £5.5m for the first half of the year, Mr Cowling said the company's sumer divisions had all performed well. Turnover for the TV audience measurement di-

vision was up 229 per cent. Analysts were impressed with the figures. Paul Richards, media analyst at Panmure Gordon, said be would be issuing a "buy" note today as they were a "cracking set of results"

Mr Richards said Taylor Nelson's consumer research division had benefited from a buoyant economy, and a growing demand for market research expertise from retailers launching loyalty cards.

He said the company should have no problem taking on debt for future growth. "Buying in Europe makes so much sense at

the moment because you get so much for your pound."

"nasty problems" bad been solved. Cost-cutting in the group's French operations had vielded returns, and last year's purchase of the Market Research Bureau of Ireland had beefed up the Irish business.

The disposal of a loss-making subsidiary, MRM, the leaflet distributor, at the end of last year had also helped matters. Mr Cowling said the diffi-culties of MRM, which Taylor Nelson bought two years ago, had taught him a "good lesson" not to get involved in businesses too far removed from the core market research area. Turnover in the husiness di-

loss of a contract with BT in the Mr Cowling said a number of first half of the year. However, Mr Cowling said yesterday a new piece of business from BT would make up for the lost contract in the second half.

Taylor Nelson already has a

resence in Romania. Russia, Poland and the Czech Republic. The company is running a pilot research project with half a dozen clients in Russia measuring consumption of soft drinks, snacks and confectionery. Taylor Nelson is also considering exporting some of its most successful UK research products such as the healthcare operation. A European service to measure people's health is being piloted.

Victoria opens wine megastore

Sameena Ahmad

Victoria Wine, the off-licence chain owned by Allied Domecq, is launching its first drinks superstore to rival the supermarkets for a share of Britain's £7bn take-bome drinks business. Martha's Vineyard, a 5,000 sq ft warehouse hased in New Barnet in Hertforshire, opens

Allied Domecq plans to open a chain of superstores in an attempt stop the trend of drinker's buying booze in Tesco or Sainshury. It is already searching for more UK sites for the Martha's concept and hopes to open three more stores next

Michael Hammond, managing director of Victoria Wine, said: "We are targeting people who do not already use our shops, who may currently huy their drinks at supermarkets. Martha's Vineyard will give



Michael Hammond (right), managing director of Victoria Wine, outside Martha's Vineyard in New Barnet

them ... easy parking, massive choice, knowledgeable staff and

The store, which has been sited in New Barnet because it

drinkers," will be designed like supermarket, with self selection in wide aisles and shopping trolleys to encourage has "an above average prolif- bulk purchases.

There will also be opportunities to taste the wine on offer. Customers will be able to

Analysts said the news would put supermarket's already thin margins under further preschoose from some 650 wines sure. The move will dampen and will get a 10 per cent dis-count on large purchases. speculation that Allied is look-ing to sell Victoria Wine.

Volkswagen profits soar | Moorfields to on weakening mark

Cathy Newman

Volkswagen, the largest car manufacturer in Europe, boost-ed profits for the first half of the year by 73 per cent, thanks to a combination of cost-cutting and a weaker German mark.

The company, which sells vehicles under the VW, Skoda, Seat and Audi hrand-names, saw net profit surge to DM488m (£166m) as foreign sales were helped by a drop in the value of the mark, which has fallen almost 5 per cent against a basket of currencies of the country's hig trading partners.

The number of cars it sold rose 10 per cent to nearly 2.2 million, despite a drop in do-

Analysts said the figures were mainly in line with expectations, and that lower tax charges had

pectations. Volume, currency and cost-cutting all contributed."

Followers of VW said the car

and parent company level."

Sales only increased 12 per cent to DM56.5bn, but VW manufacturer was reaping the benefits of a recovery launched by Ferdinand Piech, chief executive, four years ago. Volkswagen, which is to pre-

view its new Golf model this evening in Bonn, said it expected full-year net profit to exceed last year's level of DM678m despite the risks associated with new launches. The new Golf will be available to the public in October. VW said yesterday: "For the second balf of the current year, we expect business to develop positively if the current economic momentum at VW is still improving and that was particularly evident in the second quarter," he said.

helped. Francois Colli, an analyst at Paribas Capital Markets in London, said: The trend is also entails risks, we expect good but the numbers are 1997 pre-tax and net profit to broadly in line with market ex- be higher than last year at group

eration of known wine

managed to increase the amount of money it earned per vehicle. Sales outside Germany rose 13.9 per cent, making up for a 1.5 per cent decline in domestic sales. The introduction of an updated version of the Golf had impacted sales of the existing model, the com-

pany said yesterday. Andrew Blair-Smith, at BZW in Frankfurt, was fairly bullish about VW's future. "The momentum at VW is still im-

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	Company Results							
	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EP\$	Dividend				
legas (1)	637m (581m)	28.1m (31.5m)	6.76p (7.068p)	6.1p (5.3p)				
Bahhwio (?)	14.3m (11.5m)	-2.8m (-3.1m)	-11.2p (-11.2p)	1.5p (·)				
Crowe Byoglass (F)	11.4m (8.41m)	0.48m (0.68m)	-16.0p (38.9p)	8.0p (nill)				
Hydro-Dynamic (P)	6.05m (-m)	0.84m (-)	6.0p (-)	2.4p (-)				
Hampion Treat	30.7m (20.1m)	-6.5m (·9.9m)	-6.66p (-9.9p)	· (-)				
JFK Off & Glass (I)	18.3m (4.3m)	4.7m (-0.92m)	1.29p (-1.77p)	- (0.425p)				
Allementine (1)	20.9m (33.8m)	-0.42m (1.6m)	0.10p (1.40p)	9.8p (8.36p)				
Severfield-Reeve	52.3m (27§.8m)	3.89m (1.06m)	13.36p (6.92p)	3.75p (1.75p)				
Sharco Group (f)	6.73m (6.5m)	0.38m (0.41m)	3.9p (4.4p)	1.2p (2.0p)				
Taylor Helson (I)	45.1m (42.4m)	5.52m (4.0m)	1.68p (1.23p)	0.5p (0.39p)				
Corday Carilisie (I)	9.9m (10.7m)	0.61m (0.57m)	2.8p (2.8p)	· ()				
Otra Electronics ()	71.5m (57.8m)	8.7m (7.4m)	9.7p (7.3p)	2.40 (-)				

build Xanadu in Lancashire

Clifford German

Moorfields Estates, a small, London-based property investment and development group led by two former top-rated property analysts, hopes to leap into the big-time by leading a consortium to huild Xanadu, a £150m sports and leisure park in Lancashire.

The size of the proposed de-elopment, which will include an 80,000 sq ft hotel and retail complex on a 70 acre site between Liverpool and Manchester, dwarfs Moorfield's market valne of under £40m.

The proposition bas yet to win planning permission or fin-ancial backing, but the consor-tium, which applied for planning permission yesterday, consists of a local developer. Greenbank Partnerships, Acer Snownec, a subsidiary of Hyder, the Welsh water and electricity utility, and Wigan borough council.

Twin themes of the leisure complex will be skiing and aquatics, housed in a 1.5m sq ft domed huilding. It will contain an alpine village and a 375,000 sq ft skiing facility with a new kind of "real" snow, providing

ski runs and snowboarding. It will also have a 165,000 sq ft aquatics centre, featuring a 50m pool approved for competitions up to Olympic stan-dard, and a leisure pool with indoor facilities. The aquatics

£214m.

The shares were

proved in principle by the Sports Lottery Evaluation Panel and the English Sports Council. The complex will also in-

is up and running.
"Strong interest is already being expressed by major leisure and retail space users. As a re-sult we are extremely confident of pre-letting much of the scheme while the proposal goes through the planning process," Marc Gilbard, Moorfield's chief

council, Mr Peter Smith, who said: "Xanadu will send out a positive image of the borough, a location where the unexpect-ed can and does happen."

Moorfields made a profit of

The shares were unchanged

complex has already been ap-

clude a megaplex cinema and a screen-based "virtual reality experience". Construction could start in 1999, and altogether the complex could create 5,000 construction jobs and 2,500 permanent jobs once the complex manent jobs once the complex

executive, said yesterday. The project was also wel-comed by the leader of Wigan

£59,000 last year under its new management led by Mr Gilbard and Graham Stanley, two former property analysts at Goldman Sachs, whose ambitions are to shake up the UK property sector. It unsuccessfully attempted to take over its higger rival Greycoat last year with an all-share offer worth

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Argos catalogues reasons why the boom will not last.

s soothsavers go, Argos chief executive Mike Smith is well known for erring on the side of caution. But yesterday, the downbeat retailer surpassed himself. Never mind all the hype about a consumer boom - it won't last, was his message. The windfall factor is a oneoff he says, interest rates rises will start to have an effect and by the end of the year, conumers will not be feeling half as chipper.

Given recent analysis of the economic effects of the windfall payments he is probably right. Sadly, it is not what Argos investors really want to hear.

After two years during which Argos appeared to walk on water, the catalogue re-tailer has lost its glitter this year after two profits warnings. The shares, which were riding high at almost 800p last October, have dribbled down to 621.5p, after a 1.5p drop

So what the market was looking for were signs that the company might be set to recapture the premium rating of yesteryear. Sadly that appears some way off. What Argos now appears to be is a good, solid operator, in a competitive, mature market.

Yesterday's half-year figures were in line with the reduced expectations, with pre-tax profits of £28m against £32m the previous year, hit by some one-off costs.

The company is trying to go for growth but the market is concerned it will not come soon enough. At bome, it printed more catalogues with wider ranges and cut the margin by 0.5 per cent to prow sales. More is being spent on. advertising and promotion and a store opening pro-gramme to take the number of outlets from the current 433 to around 700 is still in place.

Home delivery is now offered in all stores but the £5 charge will only cover the costs of the service. The First Stop trial of low-priced electrical good shops is being kept at just three stores for the time being with no new openings planned for the rest

of the year.

The worry is that at a boom time for consumer electronics and furniture, group likefor-like sales grew by a modest 5.3 per cent in the half year and 8 per cent since then. Abroad, Argos will start ingly international contracts trading in Holland next year with blue-chip players like but expects the venture to lose £4m-£5m in 1997 and up to £8m next year. Break-even is not anticipated until 2001.

Argos is still growing share in key sectors and is still the price leader in many of them. But on forecasts of £150m for the full year, Argos sbares trade on a forward rating of 17. A solid hold, but not one

Severfield profits surge

everfield-Reeve has achieved the improbable.
It has made fabricating steel skeletons for buildings a sexy business. Over the past three years, the company's share price has outperformed the market by over 420 per cent. And yesterday's interim results did not disappoint. Even after losses from the food hygiene side, pre-tax profits for the six months to June rose 116 per cent to £4m on turnover abead 88 per cent to £52m. Though Rowen. the fahricator bought for a snip last year probably con-tributed around half the sales, Severfield's original steels husiness is in fine shape, with output up 36 per cent to

record levels. So what is Severfield's secret? For a start, the company is the UK's biggest player with 16 per cent of the market and no near rival. Its size means it is winning larger and increas-

cent of core business sales were exports. And as a bigger player it can keep raw material costs low, buying in bulk from British Steel. Moreover. as the strong pound squeezes weaker exporters out. Sever-

field continues to take share. Severfield's defining quality. though, is a ruthless attention to efficiency. Compared with the industry average of nine man hours taken to process a tonne of steel, Severfield can do the job in five. John Severs, MD, aims for four.

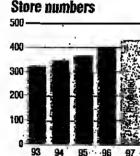
MD, aims for four.

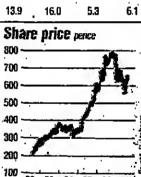
That is good news for margin prospects at Rowen. New production processes have already raised Rowen's returns from 1.6 per cent at acquisition to 5per cent. As a more specialist, designer fabricator, Rowen's margins may not match group returns of nearly 10 per cent, but there is clearly room for improvement.

The one black spot is lossmaking Manaho, which specialises in chain-mail gloves and knife washers to improve food hygicne. Escalating mad cow costs have, ironically, left customers with no money to spend on upgrading their food hygiene equipment. With legislation enforcing new hygiene standards looking remote, Manabo should be sold.

House hroker Hoare Govett forecasts £Sm this year and £10.3 for 1998. The shares, down 3p to 491.5p, are on a still tempting prospective rating of 18 this year and 14

Argos: At a glance Trading record Turnover (£m) Pre-tax profits (Om) Earnings per share (d) 22.3 2 27.5 Dividends per share (p) 11.25 Share price pence





Ultra defends its premium rating

nvestors in Ultra Electronics, the MBO which floated at 250p last September, have had a switchback ride. Sbares in the electronic systems group rose to 332p in January before dipping to 251p a couple of months ago. But profits have moved steadily higher reflecting a strong performance from both its air and sea systems businesses.

of the overall 24 per cent rise in sales for the six months to June to £72m and 17 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £9m, air systems sales rose a quarter to £46m, of which 16 per cent was organic and sea systems' sales rose 22 per cent to £26m, virtually all organic

New orders led to a slight dilution in profit margins because of the need to spend on re-search and development. The order book has grown from £174m at the year-end to £230m in June, including £9m from last year's ac-

quisitions in the US - Flightline Electronics

Both the military and civilian aerospace mar-Both the military and civilian aerospace markets are buoyant at the moment. The group's biggest single contract, to supply equipment to the Nimrod 2000 programme, has grown to £53m, spread over the next five years. On the sea side, the Batch II Trafalgar submarine programme and the Korean destroyer programme should bring in new orders.

Defence-based companies do not normally

gramme should bring in new orders.

Defence-based companies do not normally get or deserve a premium rating, but yesterday's figures beat expectations. Albert E Sbarp has upgraded forecasts for the full year from £17m to £17.4m. In an otherwise weak market the shares rose 3.5p to 296p, putting them on a prospective p/e ratio of just under 16. That is cheaper than established rivals Smiths Industries and Cohham which enjoy a rating of around 20 times. Attractive

GEC and Kvaerner share in Chinese dam contract

Clifford German

GEC Alstborn, the Anglo-French engineering group, and Kvaerner, the Norwegian engineering group, appear to bave won an important part of an \$800m (£500m) contract to pro-vide eight of the first 14 turbines to be installed at The Three Gorges dam in China.

The dam, which will attempt to tame the Yangtse River, will he the largest in the world and will cost up to US\$30bn (£19bn) to huild. But statements from the two companies yesterday left the precise status of the contracts in doubt

m Oslo said its Kvaerner Design and Technology unit had been chosen to deliver the eight turbines. The core components for five of the turbines will be produced under the management of Kvaerner Energy in Norway and General Electric of the US, and China. The three other turhines will be produced by GEC

design, the company said. But a parallel announcement from GEC Alsthom in Paris said talks with China over its participation in the Three Gorges dam project had not been com-

"We have high hopes that the contract will be finalised in coming weeks, but it has not been finalised yet," a GEC Al-sthom spokesman said.

Industry sources suggested GEC Alsthom was not satisfied with the size of its part of the contract and boped to negotiate better towns before the ate better terms before the final signature. According to the sources, GEC Alsthom's share A statement from Kvaerner of the total £500m order is around £125m, less than that of the rival bidder Siemens, the German electronics giant.

Other consortia bidding for a share in the contract include Siemens and Voith of Germany and Asea Brown Boveri the

based in Zurich. Last week a Seimens spokesman in Peking was quoted by Agence France Presse as saying its consortium would supply six of the 14 mrbines and generators required for the first phase of the project, while ABB would provide eight

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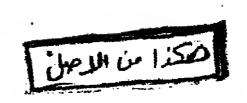
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The initial contract for turhines and generators is only a small part of the total cost of the project but is being keenly fought because of the too hold the winning suppliers will create in potentially the world's

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Footsie refuses to oblige the bears with a meltdown

For the second Monday in succession the so-confidently predicted stock market meltdown failed to materialise. True. Footsie was off 86.5 points in early trading. And it suffered a downbeat session – at the close the index was off 30.8 at 4,835, a poor but hardly disastrous display.

Sellers were conspicuous by their absence: so were buyers.
Trading was low even by the undemanding standards of the boliday. holiday season. Indeed turnover would have looked particularly woeful if special

deals had not gone through.
What appeared to be a div idend-washing exercise at BT contributed 34.5 million to volume and more Thorn B' share buy-backs accounted for another 68.6 million. So real turnover was for the first time for a long while below the important 500 million level.

of the 1987 disaster ap-proaches, is haunting the mar-ket. It is a superstitious place. And uncomfortable anniversaries invariably produce acute attacks of the jitters.

Even so Friday's slump was surprising. It occurred without a realistic excuse. Many fund managers and strategists were quick to reiterate their view that hive chips were hope-lessly overvalued and a dra-matic correction was on the

There is no doubt that blue chips, after their heady pro-gress this year, are fragile and it does not take much to crode confidence. But yesterday's performance will be seen by the more hullish observers as an encouraging response to Fri-

Still, the immediate Footsie outlook is dominated by New York. If, as expected, US in-The spectre of another terest rates remain unchanged today the general view, which

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There is a strong body of opinion that it will descend on

William Hill, the betting chain

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asset of the tottering Brent

Walker (unchanged at 1.5p).

Talk of a hotel swoop is also in

However FLC, headed by cx-Channel Four chief Michael

Grade, could make an attrac-

is so often wrong, is that the US

Corporation, the discotheque market will turn on another to health and fitness group. The market is convinced Bass, spectacular display.

The well-flagged recovery by hlocked by the Government

supporting shares was halted, only temporarily in the eyes of many. The FTSE 250 index gave up 34.6 points and the FTSE Smallcap 14.8.

Bass, up 11.5p to 839p, and Ladbroke, 3.5p to 253.5p, were spurred by the bookies' legal victory against Camelot over the 49s fixed-odds numbers game. Camelot will appeal against the decision of magistrate Ronald Bartle.

The brewing giant also gained strength from renewed pouncing on First Leisure brewer. It already operates in

could see the group's other interests as offering a natural di-versification. FLC shares rose 11.5p to 322.5p. They were, be-fore disappointing trading eroded sentiment, around 400p last year. Any Bass bid, it is thought, would be pitched near the 400p level.

BTR, still largely on US buying, continued its revival, again topping the blue chip leader board with a 6p gain to 221p. National Power, up 11p to 518.5p. was pushed on yield considerations

some FLC areas such as bin-go and bowling alleys and

Banks, which led this year's Footsie charge, were generally lower with HSBC, hit by SBC Warburg, the main casualty. The securities house moved from add to hold, cutting the recently high-flying shares by 70.5p to 2.097p.

stories that it is thinking of tive huy for the sprawling added 2.5p to 62p, against turn-of-the year suggestions

the shares were worth 120p. PDFM, the market's most entrenched bears, went bargainhunting, lifting its stake by 4.4 per cent to 20.5 per cent. Storehouse's rally continued with a 7p gain to 228.5p.

Safeway's latest price-cutting

campaign left the supermarket chain off 7.5p to 379p. Dixons added 8p to 609.5p with stock-broker Sutherlands pointing to a 670p target price.

A cross below the then mar-

ket price clipped Kenwood, the domestic appliance group, which seems to have resisted the overtures of smaller rival Pifco, 14p to 103.5p. a low.

RJB Mining, on its mine closure and Dresdner Kleinwort

Benson sell advice, fell 5p to 312.5p.
Talk of a hid for struggling Irish oil group Bula Resources had little impact. leaving the shares off 0.25p to 1.25p. Dawn

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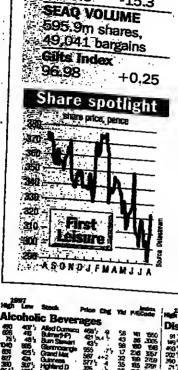
chain, jumped 40p to 255p.

Prestbury Leisure, a little sportswear company which came to market in April, rose 0.5p to 2.75p after confirming talks with possible bid tar-gets. Chairman Mike Edelson had been expected to use the company as a vehicle for bringing a football club to market via a reverse takeover.

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But Domino's Pizza, a home Nigel Wray has 20 per cent, is now regarded as the most likely acquisition. Domino's, owned by a US group, has more than 130 outlets in this

Gibbon, the printing ink group, rose 8.5p to 123.5p, a three day 27p improvement. Investment presentations in Scotland are behind the activity. Paul Spencer at stockbroker Granville Davies is looking for profits of £2m this year and £2.2m next.



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Relax and enjoy yourself – it's probably good for the economy

hat is wrong with spending money? The economic rhetoric in every cootinental European economy, and in Japan, at the moment is that there should be higher investment and export-led growth. Domestic consumption the idea that people should want to spend their own money buying

That rhetoric washes across the Channel. To judge by the way the "windfall" gains that people here have received from their huilding society shares are discussed as a problem, and the Chancellor was criticised for oot taxing them back, you might imagine that the fact that Britons are richer to the tune of £35bn is somehow had. The counter-arguments - for example, that over-investment means that savings are wasted and that for all countries to strive to be net exporters is self-defeating and ridiculous - are rarely made.

Or at least they are rarely made outside the US. One of the effects of the long American boom and the creation by the US of hi-tech industries that dominate the world has been a reassessment of the nature of the US current account deficit, and with it, an explanation of why high-consumption economies have become more vibrant than those of Germany and Japan.

The core of the argument is that the US in particular is in many ways a developing country. Other countries rush to invest there because it offers higher returns than could be obtained at home - just as Britain invested much of its savings abroad in the second half of the last century and Japao has invested abroad during the last two decades. The current account deficit that the US has been running is therefore a necessary offset to its capital ac-

count surplus. This argument has been well put by John Makin, an ecocomist at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washingtoo. In a paper this month he turns on its head the idea that



Hamish McRae

Strong domestic consumption has sustained the recovery while continental economies have faltered ... Rising confidence has had the effect of reducing unemployment

tries want to invest in the US, the dollar would be driveo far too high were it oot for the willingness of US citizens to spend their money. If they did not do so, the US would have faced the same problem as Japan, which over-saves.

Oversaving creates two difficulties, both of which have struck Japan. The savings are exported in the form of foreign investment, or they remain at home where they

have to be invested in something. Foreign investment is fine if there are adequate opportunities and the investors have adequate skills. In the case of Japan much of its direct investment - investment in plant and machinery - has been well-spent. Japan owns high-qual-America's main problem is its well-spent Japan owns high-qual-consumption in GDP remains is absurd. There is nothing wrong shortage of savings. If other counity factories throughout the rest of roughly five percentage points with people enjoying themselves.

the world, which is admirable. But higher than other European it has also invested in foreign financial assets, which have often fallen in value: it was estimated that Japan has lost about half its accumulated current account surpluses

through bad investment. When savings are invested at home, unless there are adequate opportunities, the effect is simply to drive op the exchange rate and drive down the domestic rates of return on investment. That is what has happened in Japan. The nonmanufacturing sector remains heavily regulated and accordingly there is little incentive to invest to improve productivity. These non-manufacturing industries would oot be exporters - they would have to live on domestic demand - but if they were really successful, that would stimulate domestic demand, and might even eliminate the current account surplus. Japan does not want to risk that, so despite the modest deregulation taking place,

growth will remain stagmant.

The US shows the reverse phenomenoo. Because it is a developing country, it is normal and natural to attract foreign capital and to run a current account deficit. The fact that the dollar has strengthened in the last year, despite the deficit, is further proof of the attractions of the US as an investment haven. In-deed had it not been for the deficit, the dollar would have soared to a level where US exports would be priced out of foreign markets (as has happened in Japan) and the country's attractions would have been weakened. Moral: it is a good thing that Americans are such vo-

What does all this say about us? The parallel is oot perfect because the UK happens to be running a current account surplus. It is true that like the US the UK has attracted large amounts of foreign capital; it has also been a large cap-ital exporter, which has helped keep sterling at a reasonable level. But there is oot quite the same perceived lack of domestic savings in the UK, though the proportion of

economies. We are able to sustain this lower savings rate because we invest less and therefore need less savings; and partly because we can

attract large capital inflows.
To some extent the UK may also be a developing country, but it is not quite in the same league as the US. Nevertheless it is possible to make a case that the fact that the urge to splurge is good. The fact that once Britons have money in their pockets and purses they will go out and spend it gives a strength economy. Strong domestic consumption has sustained the recovery while cootinental economies have faltered. This has enabled the country to head into a virtuous circle, with strong consumer confidence bringing unemployment rates to less than half those of France, Germany and Italy, while falling unemployment has further boosted confidence. The high propensity to consume, plus lower taxation, means the UK's living standards are comparable to those of France, Germany and Italy de-spite the fact that GDP per head

Further, relying oo domestic consumption to sustain demand is in some ways a safer strategy than relying on exports where the growth of demand for your products is beyoud your control.

As with all economic arguments, it would be silly to push this one too far. At some point excessive consumption leads to a surge in imports and becomes unsustainable. The question for both Britain and the US is whether the economies are close to that point where most additional demand cannot be met by higher production at home and the pressure shows by sucking in more imports and by rising inflation at home. But to say that is simply to point out there is such a thing as excessive consumption. There can be too much of a good thing. But to regard consumption as somehow had and investment (however poor the quality) as good,

NatWest snaps up former head of No 10 Policy Unit

PEOPLE & BUSINESS

NatWest Group has snapped up Norman Blackwell, former head of John Major's No 10 Policy Unit, to succeed Mark Aston as the bank's top strategist. Speaking as someone who tipped Nat West's shares last Christmas, I trust that the bank will do rather better than John Major did in May. Anyway, as NatWest's director of group corporate develop-ment, Mr Blackwell will whisper directly into the ear of chief executive Derek Wanless He will be responsible for

thinking up new strategy and translating it into action.

Mr Blackwell is certainly well qualified for the job. He got a first in natural sciences at Trinity College, Cambridge and an MBA from Wharton Business School in the US. He also has a PhD in finance and 17 years of experience with McKinsey, much of it in banking and financial services. Our man succeeded Sarah Hogg. at No 10 in February 1995 and got a life peerage in John Major's resignation hooours list.

Which brings us to another figure in the last government, Malcolm Rifkind, who joined Australian mining and trading company BHP following the election defeat. BHP has been having a rough time of it lately, and now brokers T Hoare have decided to really put the boot in with a "strong sell" note on the

Mark Horn, the analyst at T Hoare responsible for the note, writes: "The shares will cootinue to underperform relative to major equity benchmarks; the recent dissension in the ranks of management has eroded the 'management premium' of BHP: the problems faced by BHP are a combination of size, structure and

management."
In fact Mr Horn couldn't have been more negative if he had written "the sky is falling"." Poor Malcolm. Perhaps Mr Blackwell can find him a desk at NatWest.

The for is flying in the lucrative



Norman Blackwell: To whisper in Derek Wanless's ear

world of City legal journalism. The uncrowned queeo of the genre, Catrin Griffiths, and her sidekick Dominic Egan, have quit the lawyers' glossy Legal Business as editor and deputy editor re-

spectively.

To add insult to injury, the duo have joined with legal head-hunters Quarry Dougall to launch a rival publishing veoture of their own. Their departure follows a bust-up with John Pritchard, the mastermind behind the Legal 500 directory of lawyers, as well as a directory of lawyers, as well as a string of legal magazines. Legal Business has made boatloads of dosh for Mr Pritchard, concentrating as it does oo advertising from the fat-cat end of City law, and chambers across London are agog as to how his flagship organ will fare without his two stars.

La Griffiths, a flame-headed Weishwoman, is expecting her secood baby, and is at home sun-ning herself in Highbury, north London. She and Mr Egan will be joined by Mark Brandon, formerly editor of the Legal 500 and another

Pritchard refusenik, to produce

what Quarry Dougall enigmatical-

ly describes as "a range of products new to the legal market". Gareth Quarry, chief executive of Quarry Dougall, says: "We have no intention of competing

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with Legal Business or Commercial Lawyer. We believe there is a great demand for a radically different sort of product." Mr Quarry refuses to be drawn

on what the new product will be. although he is pleased as punch having recruited a "formidable

Meanwhile Mr Pritchard has appointed a part-timer on Legal Business, Martha Klein, to hold the reins as editor while he goes oo holiday.

If you understand the phrase: "I'm mad for it. I'm having it large." theo you'll be saddened to hear that the Hacienda, Manchester's most famous nightclub, is up for sale after its owners went

The round red hrick edifice has only just celehrated its 15th anniversary, having originally been founded as a home for bands like New Order and The

It has also seeo the rave movemeot and the Manchester scene come and go, with bands like the Inspiral Carpets and Oasis tread-

ing its beer-soaked boards.
Now Bruce Poizier of property agents DTZ Debenham Thorpe is looking for hids of around £1.2m for the huilding. Bruce says there has heeo a huge amount of interest in the site, with proposals to turn it into offices, resideotial schemes, even an art gallery. "The company that went into liq-uidation, FAC 51, owns the name 'Hacienda', while the firm that owns the huilding, TGP 225, has put it on the market," says Bruce. The latter is owned by Rob Gretton, a former manager of New

You woo't catch Bruce himself raving in the club. "I'm a bit too loog in the tooth - I haven't the

John Willcock

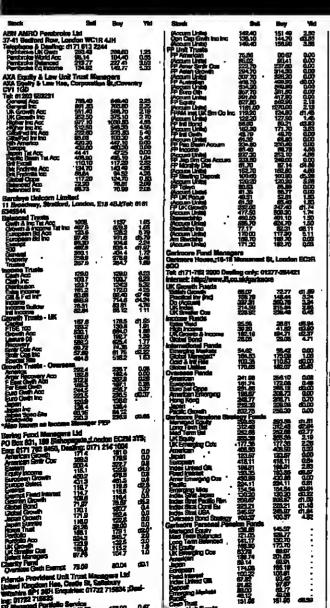
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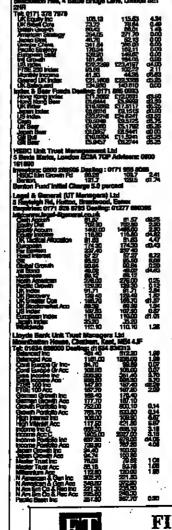
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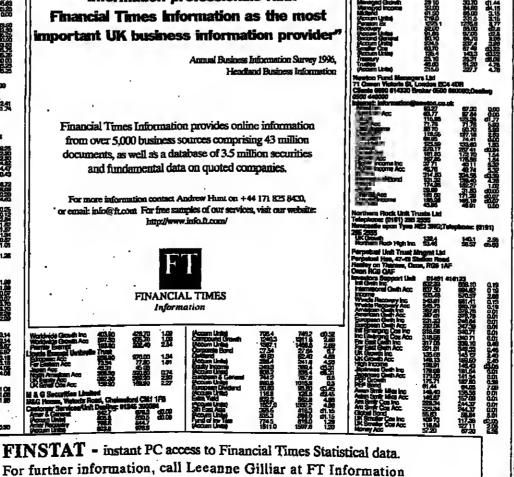
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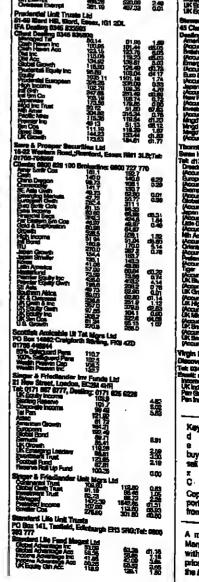
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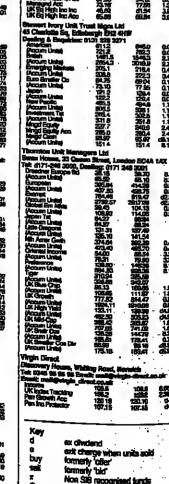












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GREG WOOD

It is a reminder of the remarkable depth of quality in the mid-dle-distance division at present that the opening day of the Ebor meeting at York presents us with the first candidate for the "race of the decade" for, well, at least three weeks. And while even Max Clifford might think twice before reaching for such a description less than a month after the King George at Ascot, today's International Stakes could easily prove to be the contest by which the 1997 campaign will be remembered.

It is true that just four runners will go to post, the smallest field in the race's 25-year history, but rarely, if ever, can the cast list for a Group One event have consisted entirely of horses with previous Group One victories to their credil. Add to that the fact that, with the arguable exception of Singspiel, all of them are racing over what appears to be their ideal trip, on going which will confer neither favour nor disadvantage, and it is clear that fold on the Knavesmire today.

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Those with a taste for misehief might point out that the only thing which the Interna-tional lacks is the presence of Kieren Fallon aboard one of Bosra Sham's rivals. Fallon's desperately ill-judged perfor-mance on Henry Cecil's filly in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown last month cost him the ride on the favourite this afternoon, and the possibility that he might exact a little sporting revenge would certainly have added an extra dash of spice.

None the less, the human roll-call loday is also of the highest quality, since Frankie Det-tori (Singspiel), Fallon's replacement, Pat Eddery, and Michael Kinane, who rides the Irish Derby winner, Desert King, would be most people's choice as the best three riders

in Europe. Joining them is Willie Ryan, whose bold display on Benny The Dip, his mount today, in the Derby at Epsom was itself a performance of which any of today's jockeys would be proud. And it may well be that the deciding factor will be the crucial tactical decisions each will have something very special will un-

John Gosden, Benny The Dip's trainer, said yesterday. "You couldn't find two better older horses than Bosra Sham and Singspiel, and the other two are Derby winners. But it is unfortunate when these races cut up to 'Mickey Mouse' fields. We had one at Newbury on Saturday and another in the Eclipse, and you get muddling races. I

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Silver Patriarch (York 3.45) NB: Zamalek (Folkestone 3.25)

just hope we get a truly-run race,

The false pace in the Eclipse didn't suit Benny The Dip as he was coming back to them at the end, suggesting he would have been suited by faster, and he is proven over a mile and a half."

Henry Cecil was adamant after the Eclipse Stakes that the lack of a sound pace in the early stages had contributed to his filly's defeat, which makes it a little surprising that Bosra Sham's connections did not supply her with a pacemaker to-

Benny The Dip made all the ficult to pass as he gallops along running to win the Dante Stakes the rail inside the final furlong over this course and distance in May, but despite Gosden's comments, it seems unlikely that to the line. Ryan will set a fierce gallop today and play into the favourite's

What with those doubts, and Bosra Sham's recent foot problems, it would be folly to back her at odds hovering close to even money. Two of her three rivals, meanwhile, also arrive with serious queries over their ability to produce their best. since Desert King, winner of the 2,000 Guineas and Derby in his native Ireland, has run deplorably on his two previous visits to Britain, and Singspiel could well need rather longer to recover from an exhausting King George on unforgiving

This leaves punters looking squarely at an obvious slice of value. BENNY THE DIP (nap 3.10) may not be the finest Derby winner of the decade, but he is almost certainly better at today's trip, and could well be allowed to set a pace which suits him, rather than his rivals, just as he did in the Dante, A fierce battler, he should prove very dif-

the rail inside the final furlong today, and at 5-1, he is an irre-sistible bet to hold on all the way

YORK EBOR MEETING: An opening day opportunity for the Derby winner to confirm his status in a contender for race of the year

Benny the tip to prove International standard

The International Stakes is the obvious highlight this afternoon, but the supporting card is fascinating too, with a mixture of Classic prospects, potentially top-class juveniles and some of the best stayers in training.

The two-year-old event which opens the card has been won by Revoque and Grand Lodge in recent years, and with five once-raced, unbeaten colts in the field, not to mention Ian Balding's promising Merlin's Ring, this could prove to be a very significant race, albeit one which makes little appeal for punters. Teapot Row (2.05) may come out on top, hut more solid betting opportunities will be provided by Double Eclipse .35), who gets a vital 9lb from Celeric, the Ascot Gold Cup winner, and Stowaway (next best 3.45), who can secure a place in the St Leger field with victory in the Great Voltigeur

Camelot fail in court threat tn bookmakers' 49's bet, page 5

the best form and could prove the

best value. Chester Rouse, for a cold

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weather of beating Just in Time by half a length in a 7f Goodwood

maiden on his debut and La-Faah,

who, who bear Social Charter by half

a length in a 6f Ascot maiden on his debut, and Teapot Row, who clocked a fair time for a newcomer when

beating Friendly Warning by four lengths in a 6f Newmarkel maiden.

ight pose more problems.



Benny The Dip proved his liking for York by winning the Dante Stakes in May and can follow up in the International Stakes today

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3.45: STOWAWAY, a progressiv

Eddery hits ton but hit by ban

Pat Eddery reached his century for the season at Windsor yesterday, but his championship hopes received a jolt when he was handed a three-day ban for careless riding. The reigning champion hit the ton for the 24th time in the last 25 years when scoring on Salmon Ladder and Risque Lady. But sandwiched between those successes came his suspension when second on Lasham in the Earley Nursery Haodicap.

Ray Cochrane and Vic Soane had their explanations recorded over the running of a twoyear-old at the meeting. The pair were called before the stalls on her previous run at yesterday morning.

stewards after Persian Sabre. having her third run, finished sixth, heaten approximately eight lengths behind Risque Lady, in the EBF Maiden Stakes. Cochrane told the stewards that he was instructed to settle the filly in behind, to cover her up and to come with a long run. He said that he was denied a clear run in the last two

Soane, Persian Sabre's trainer, confirmed the riding instructions, expressed his satisfaction with Cochrane's riding and added that the filly had been very fractious in the

Newbury. However the stewards, after viewing the video, decided to record their explanations. Michael Stoute yesterday an-

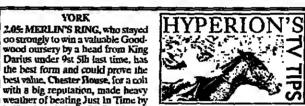
nounced that the leading Ebor fancy Mohawk River-12-1 with William Hill - is a definite runner in tomorrow's big handicap at York. The trainer also said that the £100,000-added race is the "preferred option" for Purist, who bypasses an alternative engagement today. Purist, set to carry 7st 10lb and also 12-1 with William Hill, was withdrawn from this afternoon's Great Voltigeur Stakes

However, final plans for the Yarmouth winner Purist could depend on whether Robert Armstrong runs the top weight Kutta, in whose absence the

weights would rise 4lb.

Armstrong said: "If the ground is good to soft Kutta will run. They had a quarter of an inch of rain last night but they will need more if he is to run." Like several other recent Group races, Saturday's Celebration Mile at Goodwood will suffer from a small field. Only

2.45: DOUBLE ECLIPSE, who ran his best race this season when two lengths third to Double Trigger and Classic Clicke in the Goodwood Cup five horses - Cape Cross, Among over 2m last time, has nothing to fear Men, Peartree House, Polar from Election Day, Samraan or Corradini on that running and, on Prince and Wroin - were left in the Group Two event yesterday.



9th better terms, can turn Ascot Gold Cup (2m 4f) tables on Celeric, who has since disappointed behind Shan-tou in the Group Three Princess Of Wales's Stakes over 1m 4f at Newmarket. The Northumberland Plate Handicap winner, Windsor Castle, (aces his toughest task yet.

3.15: BENNY THE DIP, who fin-ished a short-head in front of Bosra Sham when I'l lengths second to Pil-sudski in the Eclipse Stakes over Im If at Sandown last time, looks a good bet to confirm those placings at 5-1 with Ladbrokes and the Tote.

acts well on this track wheo making all in the Dante Stakes over this distance in May and looks the safest proposition. Bosra Sham came in for an indifferent ride in the Echipse and, if she recaptures the form she showed to walk away with the Prince Of Wales's Stakes over 1m 2f at Royal Ascot, she will be hard to beat. However, she has had an injury scare, may not be suited by the mud-dling pace this contest promises to be run at and, at the odds, is worth opposing, Singspiel, winner of the Japan Cup and Dubsi World Cup, is another who would have a big chance on his best form but he had a hard race when fourth to Swain in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes over 1m 4f at Ascot. Desert King, winner of the Irish 2,000 Guineas (1m) and the Irish

Derby (Im 4f) at the Curragh, has

yet to show his best outside freland and faces his loughest race so far,

York -- 3.10

The Derby winner showed that he

performer who ran his best race so far when winning the Gordon Stakes over 1m 4f at Goodwood by three lengths from Poseidon, loo to give a good account of himself. Silver Patriarch, a long way in front of the selection when a short head second to Benny The Dip in the Derby over 1m 4f at Epsom, returned home with mucus in his lungs after disappointing behind Desert King in the Irish Derby over 1m 4f at the Curragh. He has a great chance on his Epsom form but he only returned to full work recently and might need this race, Kingfisher Mill went out like, a light behind Swain after leading for a long way in the Group One King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes over Im 4f at Ascot, and might be best watched until demonstrating be has returned to his best. Apprehension and Garnda seem likely to be a bit out of their depth.

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CHESTER HOUSE overcame greenness to land the odds over today's trip at Goodwood, Laking command in the closing stages and gitting home by half a langth. Jacx Clists and Mir Ing command in the closing stages and gitting home by half a langth. Jacx Clists and Mir Cashill were more impressive lihon the selection when making their winning debuts at Hay-Cashill were more impressive lihon the selection when making their winning debuts at Hay-Cashill were more impressive lihon the selection when making their winning debuts at Hay-Cashill were more impressive lihon the source. An Cashill stammed 4-7 chance Downson, promises to be event better at this seven. Mr Cashill stammed 4-7 chance Downson House despute tasking a walk in the botting. 5-2 to 9-2. La-Feath mastered recent scorer House despute tasking a walk in the botting. 5-2 to 9-2. La-Feath mastered recent scorer House despute to the first a factor flog. Microsway beatern a langth and a half in er Social Cumber by half a length at Ascot 160. — Microsway beatern a langth and a half in third and will have no trouble with the eatra furlong, a remark which also applies to Tespot that - and will have no trouble with the eatra furlong, a remark which also applies to Tespot that - and will have no trouble with the eatra furlong, a remark which also applies to Tespot that - and will have no trouble with the eatra furlong, a remark which also applies to Tespot that - and will have no trouble with the eatra furlong to the first being run out of d when odds a har-trick seeker, and hish challenger Saratoga Springs (last being run out of d when odds a har-trick seeker, and hish challenger Saratoga Springs (last being run out of d when odds a har-trick seeker, and hish challenger Saratoga Springs (last be

2.35 WEATHERBYS INSURANCE LONSDALE STAKES (Group 3) (CLASS A) £40,000 added 2m £24,656

- 5 decisived -BETTING: 2-1 Double Eclipse, 9-4 Caloric, 5-1 Wardsor Castle, 6-1 Election Day, 9-1 Seraram, 10-1

3.10 JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES (Group 1) C4: 1 21-114 SINGSPEL (24) (D) (Sheld Mohammed) M Stone 5.9 5 ________ L Dettol 2.125 2 21-113 BOSRA SHAM (NSA) (45) (D) (BF) (Moha Sen) H Creat 4.9 2 _______ Pat Eddary 4.131 3 3-2112 BERMY THE DRY (46) (CD) (Landon Krajin Contone Famil) Coopen 3.8 11 __W Ryan 3.128 4 21141 DESERT (KMS (SS1) (M Tatoraks) Magner) A P O'Bren (M 3.8 11 __W I Vilname 1.113 BETTING: evens Boarn Sham, 5-2 Singhalot, 9-2 Geomy The Die, 13-2 Desert King 1990: Helling 5.0 % I Dettin 6.1 for Course for Science (desert 11) is not

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Boars Shamt, fully recovered from the sight brushing to be uninerable near-fore which caused her to miss some work last week, is reunited with Pat Edday after running into all sorts of trouble under Kerten Fallon when that behind Pitsudsk and Benny The Dip in the Edipse. The way BERNY THE DIP, who made most of the numeral plugged on to take second, beather only a length and a quanter was most pleasing. The selection earlier head off Saker Patriach by a short-head in the Derby after looking certain to be colored by the grey, who produced a great run having been last of at at Taggerham Comer, John Gooden's numer is certainly one of the braish of the deep sense in the Derby have termes if not one of the head. Report The Dirt who took produced a great run having been last of all at Tagenham Comer, John Godden's runner is certainly one of the bravest of Derby heroes if not one of the best. Benny The Dip, who took the Dunte over course and distance in May, put up an even better performance in the Eclapse than in the Derby sind, with only a field of four, the race could be nun to such tim better than a will Bosra Sham (who is best coming off a strong pace). Singspilet was out of the first awo for the first time in 14 sites in the Ning George but still ran a cracker on ground too soft to firsts fourth. Desert King, who completes the quartet, won the linsh 2000 Gunesa: by three lengins: - and the trish Derby sites ying only eighth of the ten helf a mile out. Despite having achieved so much already, there might still be some improvement left in the Dane-hall colu.

	3	.45	GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group 2) (CLASS A) £70,000 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £54,457	ĺ
-	1 2	0-1410 1-63	KINGFISHER MILL (24) (D) (Ld Howard de Waldern) Mrs J Ceol 8 12	1(
1	3		GARGUDA (45) (Bob Demuyser) J Dunkty 8 9	
	4		SILVER PATRIARCH (51) (8F) (Poter S Wirlield) J Duntop 89	
•	5	1.21	STOWNIEN (21) (D) (Codulphn) Second bin Surror 8 8	ננ

BETTNIS: 11-8 Silver Patriach, G-4 Stonemay, 3-1 Moglinher Mill, 16-1 Apprehension, 33-1 Caroda 1998: Dustyanor 3 8 9 Pat Eddey 3-1 (H Cecil) drawn (2) 8 ran

1990: Dushyanor 3 8 9 Pat Eddey 3-1 (H Cedi) drawn (2) 8 an PROM GUIDE.

SILVER PATRIANCIN shaped well when third in the Sendown Classic Trial on his return, Silver Patriarch, inched out by Benny The Dip in the Denty after lying last of 13 at fatterham comer, returned lame and with mucus in his larges when a hospot and fifth in the first Denby, However, he worked well recently with Samraan and a reported in good form. Stowards stormed home by three largers in the Gorton Stakes in the big Goodwood meeting and has onne out of the race well. As that was only his that race, he should continue on the upgrade and could develop into a leading St Leger candidate, langisher Mis, successful in the King Edward VII at Royal Ascot, is pennised 315 for that. He had to miss a low days work after finishing list in the King Goorge but is back in fine shape now and goes for the Doncaster classe if pleasing connections here.

Betection: SiLVER PATRIANCH

4.15 MELROSE RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £25,000 added 3YO 1m 6f Penalty Value £14,972 | 1.01 6F | Pegiatry Valida EJA,972 | Pat 2 | 324030 | PAPUA (13) | Robert & Blasch | Herbert | Baking 9.4 | M. Rob 041 | ZERPOUR (25) PH Hags Hard | Curran 9.3 | 1.2050 | MAPPY Additional (12) PHT | Market | Larrer | L Reld 8

Minimum weight: 8st 4th. True handicap weight: Georgie Venture 8st 3th.

EETITES: 3-1 Zerpour, 100-30 High listingus, 7-2 Liftre, 10-1 Mithelt, Georgie Venture, 8st 3th.

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Pearl, Cyrine, 14-1 Repy Ministral, 50st Mio, 18-1 Papua, 28-1 Sameatine Bay, 50-1 Merettion Makil
1998: Yorn Jameel 3 9 7 W R Swinburn 11-1 (M Stouter) drawn (8) 10 Jan

HIGH INTRIGUE looks good off only a 45 higher rating than when making a waning hender debut over the distance of Sendoun, making a with Mithals (6th better off) tour and a half lengths adrift in fourth. Before that, he got offthe mark with an 18-length Chester maiden vacary and he will progress further. With Kleen Fallon not able to 6q the weight he is on Sesseatible Bay for lan Beiding - Willie Ryan takes the ride. Sausatible Bay half Chro's Pearl behind when second to Grazeful Lase at Chepstow and maets him 25 better, Mithals (leter ran sod) of 12 to Celestial Chor at Pontefreck - Happy Minethal India. Zerpour rates the chef threat. Market leader at Neumarket Imitian) last month, Lical Cumani's cold was always moung like a wither and came home by three lengths. That was at a quarter-mile test but he will get lodgy's longer top and, haing had only three ourigs, is another ential to get better still. However, the 13th concession to Happy Imigae looks too much. Lifthe, another who has been lightly reced, struck form at Goodwood, defeating Dominant Duchess three parts of a length with Geoogle Venture (4th better) two and a half lengths back in third and Seusalino Bay 11th of 14. The Sedler's Wells filly should also progress again and should have a say in the finish.

Selection: HIGH INTRIGUE

4.45 EAGLE LANE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £17,500 added 6f Penalty Value £14,613 326420 VENTURE CAPITALIST (3) (CD) (W G Smers) D Notices 8 10 0

2	121113	BLESSINGOEDISGUISE (10) (BF) (A G Bleck) M (V Exstanty 4 9 9
3	230005	WORLD PREMIER (25) (D) (Mr. C E Britani C Britan 4 9 8
4	445-35	MAJSIC GOLD (31) (C) (N S Yong) W O'Compan 4 9 8Frame O'Songen 20
5	6-0000	MADLY SHARP (10) (D) (Lord Sersything) J W Watts 6 9 5
6	365302	ZUHMAR (15) (D) (Claron Bode) Partreche Luis D LoCain 494 Carroll 16
7	3-5500	YOUNG BROWNS (10) (D) (I Laughton & W R Money J Berry 3 9 1
8		ALMUHAMM (USA) (18) OM P Bude's Forms, Settlement! T D Sanon 5 9 0
9		MR HERRERAC (11) (D) (P R John) 9 Paling 6 9 0
10	000010	LAGO DI VARANO (10) (The PET Group! R Whitaker 5 8 12
11		PERRYSTON VIEW (15) (0) (Mrs. Janis MacPhasson) P Caker 58 11
12'	041010	THE BAY FOX (17) AS Whiteken 8 McMahan 38 11
13	404312	PLAISE D'ANIOUR (42) (D) (RE) (M Tabortés) Magneti N Catagheri 3 B 10 Pat Eddery 18.
14	105256	DAMME (USA) (10) (CD) (Mrs Andrea M Mathison) Mrs V Acarley 6 8 8
15	060213	BESIZOE (18) (CD) (Tony Favoen) Mrs J Ramaden 7 8 B
16	002221	PRESENT GENERATION (9) (S Luy) P. Guest 4 8 8S Sanders 18
17	61054	SECA NEY SECA (28) (D) (Tim Cody) M Charren 3 8 8 P Marphy (3) 8
18	051453	TILER (3) (CD) (Mrs C Robrison) U Johnson 5 8 6 D Holland 9
19	521100	DOUBLE OSCAR (3) (D) (Toby Racing) D Noticts 4 8 5
20	442356	CREY KINGDOM (16) (CD) (Lies Britain) M Bottom 6 8 3
21	154510	MR TEIGH (3) (Papeum Roong Lud) Mrs J Ramsden S 8 2F Lynch 19
22		
23	555120	ROYAL DOME (10) (C) (G W Jones) M Wate 5 8 1

BETTINO: 9-1. Blocking/bulling/doc. Plaise D'Ansour, 10-1. Ther, 12-1. Mr Bergerac, 14-1. Ahmshimm, Bescoe, Doshle Gecar, World Preprior, 18-1. Denne, Manty Sharp, Ne Teigh, Persyston View, 20-1. Grey Ringstom, Music Gold, Venture Capitelist, Zuhair. 20-1. Parple Fing, 25-1. Present Generation, Rayel Dosne, 33-1. Lugo Di Varamo, Sico Rey Sico, The Gay Fox, Young Biging, 1996: Options Open 4-9-2 it Fallon 9-1. (Mr.) I Remoter drawn 117/21 can FORM GUIDE.

TILER. turning out again quickly siter a trud of 21 in Saturday's Greax St Willrid at Ripon, can show the way home here. He had Mr Toigh, Doubbe Oscar and Venture Capitelist behind on that occasion and they mets on more or less the same terms. Before that, Mark Johnston's charge finished a three-length fifth to 50 inversid, also at Ripon – Perrystoa View terms. — and be got home by a neck from Grey Kingdious at Ayr lest month when Double Os-

Defined on the occasion are very regard make a less are some earner centre that, man, points on's charge finished a three-length fifth to So Interpol, also at Ripton - Pernystora View tenth - and be got home by a nock from Grey Mingstons at Ayr less month when Double Oscar and Zahakin were fifth and tenth of 14. The selection can confirm Ayr numming despite meeting Grey Kingstom Alb worse. Bleastaghydisgulae was chalking up its fifth success this season when a length and a half too good for Suprise Arisagon at Ascot last month and followed with a third of 19 to Moon Surise and Midnight Escape at Haydock, besten a neck and the same. Mick Esstady's charge should confirm Haydock running with Dansee (three lengths back in sixth at Haydock and Alb better) and also Young Rigards. Lago Di Variano and Royal Donne, who were eighth, 13th and 14th. Madily Sharp is useful on his day, he has yet to reach a paleo eiter four attempts the term but is conting down in the weights and could go well with John Reid a good booking. Alquishings firsthed title more than a length of the winner when fifth of ten to Chewit at Asoc after overcoming a tarify start to score at Ayr but seven furiongs is his timp and he may find the rice virtually over by the time he gets mount of Franke Detroit, and Mustele Gold, a course winner but yet to race beyond the minimum trip, could all prove dengerous.

5.15 EGLINTON NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 added 270 7f Penalty Value £12,135

1	31221	ALCONLESCR (25) (D) (J David Abed) U Johnston 9 T
2	650113	FLOWER O'CANDRE (DG) (D) (MIS E Rhind) M W Easterby 9.1
3	143	CARBON (16) (C) (Lord Hartington) O Morley 9 0
4	242221	BERNARDO BELLOTTO (5) (Richard Green (Fine Parrangs) M Bell 8 13
5		27 (21) (Nigol Shieles) K Burke 8 12 C Lowther (5)
8	06451	COOL SECRET (9) (The Glora Darley Roong Partnership) A Multipliand 8 9
7	000143	NOME DARRIUS (17) (E. John Perry) R Hannon 88
8	5533330	LANGEARD PRIDE (33) (J G White) P Bans 8 6
9	31	SEASTLY OFFIED (22) (D) (Steve Hammond: T Easterly; 8 4
10		CAGE AUX FOLLES (16) (Chrispother Whight) J Hills 8 3
11	01	OPTIMISTIC (22) (O) (Mystic Meg Limsed) M Tomplus 8 2
12		SICK AS A PARROT (11) (0) (Mrs Shelley Duyer C Duyer 7 13
23	3430	LEGIFRIC (17) (Neen Raong) M Polgase 7 13
14		COLONEL CUSTER (40) (Guy Reed) C Thoman 7 23
15	503	BALF A IQUICKER (85) (J A Campbell) R Fahey 7 10

BETTIME: 6-1 Carbon, 13-2 Alconleigh, 7-1. King Darkes, 8-1 Simply diffred, Optimatic, 9-1. Ztd, 10-1. Remards Bellotio, 12-10col Secoret, Flower O'Cannile, Sack As A Parvot, 1A-1 Cage Aux Folies, Half A Raident, 16-1 Cajonal Caster, 20-1 others
1989: Person Fund 2 7 10 Date Gloson 8-1 (M W Essienty) drain 1(10) 10 ran
1989: Person Fund 2 7 10 Date Gloson 8-1 (M W Essienty) drain 1(10) 10 ran
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Despite a sipped bit, causing him to hang badly, ALCONEEIGH best Betiaders more than bov lengths over today's trip at Thirsk last time – it could probably have 20 lengths had he kept straight. Mark Johnson's consistent coit, successful at Ripon in May, twice limished name-up in between victories, including when finding Tayasur a feed too good at Doncaster, where Carbon was time and a half lengths away last of lour. Comon earlier won on his debut over six turiongs of today's track – Lakadand Pride a two-length third of six and 8th better off – and finished a close-up third to Peter's limp at Newcastlevith Cool Secret fifth of ten. Cool Secret won a Redear nursery by four lengths but meets Carbon on 9to worse terms. Carbon, 7th better in with Alconleigh than at Doncester and likely to be surted by the extra furlong, he could run the selection close.

Selection: ALCONLEIGH

FIRST SHOW

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Georgia Venture	8-1	12-1	10-1	12						
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Happy Master	16-1	12-1	141	14						
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RACING RESULTS HAMILTON

2.15: 1. GLOSE RUNNER (A Currence) 4-1; 2. Il Principo 8-1; 3. Charile Biglime 33-1. 9 ran. 100-30 fav Winnebago (4th). 1½, hd. (J 10 Neil), Penvith). Tothe: £5:50; £1:30, £3:30, £3:30, DF: £33:80, CSP: £28:49, Tn-CBSC £737.00. Pro: £81.80.
2.45; 1. WESTERN VENTURE (1 Cremock)
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Lad (8th), Reinhardt, V., nk. [M Wane, Richmond), Tote: £30,70; £4.60, £1.70, £3.40, £2.50, DF: £156.90, CSF: £176.90, Tneast:

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3.15: 1. CHASHA I) Weaver! event fay; 2.
Binytham 33-1; 3. Institution 3-1. 9 ram. 7-.

2. (M. Johnston, Middlefram). Tota: £1.60; £1.10. £4.10. £2.50. DF: £17.80. CSF: £45.07. This: £36.90.

3.45: 1. HO LENG (N. Kennedy) 20-1; 2. Legs Be Feeddy 4-7 fay; 3. Emperor's Gold 11-2. 3 ram. 1-4, 10. (Mass I. Parrati, Ayri. Tebe: £28.20; £4.10, £1.10. £1.40. DF: £26.10. CSF: £31.51.

Tobe: £28.20; £4.10, £1.10, £1.40, DF: £26.10, CSF: £31.51, 4.15: 1. TOWOURS RIVIERA (G Sardwell) 7-2; 2. Pelcay 9-4 fax; 3. Classic Ryer 14-1, 7 ran. 1/x, ½. U Pearce, Newmonder). Tote: £4.50; £2.20, £1.40, DF: £7.10, CSF: £5.63, 4.48: 1. MONTECRISTO (P Roberts) 5-1; 2. Lord Advocate 10-1; 3. @Ribox 25-1, 7 ran center for Devide Edit (Edit (2011)). ma. evens fav Double Flight (Øthl. 37), hd. IR Guest. Newmarket). Tota: £6.40; £2.60, £1.30. DF: £24.80. CSF: £43,37.

Placepol: £380.00. Quadpot: £28.20, Place 6: £237.07. Place 5: £75.16. WINDSOR

2.30: 1. AERLEON PETE (I Reid) 4-1: 2. Snow Partridge 5-2 for: 3. Georgina 11-4. 12 ran. 1½, 3½. (M Stoute, Newmorket). Teas: £4,30: £1.40, £1.20, £1.60. DP; £4.20. CSF: £13.26. Tho: £11.50. 3-Dis 1 DEAD AIM () Detart) 15-8 fac 2 Woody's Boy 7-2; 3. Azones 7-1. 6 ran. 7-, 1 () Balding, Vingaderal Totac £2-A0; £1-40, £1-90. Dr. £3-00, CSF. £7-72, 3-30: 1. SALMON LADDER (PA Edday)

13-2. B rus. 14, 2. (P Cole, Whatcombe Tobic £1.80; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £2.00. CSI £3.74. 4.00; 1. CAVERSPIELD Clane Chart 11.2; 2. Lashem 13-2; 3. Muffurfeque 6-1. 10 ran. 7-2 few Feyrana (5th). 1½, nl. (R Hen-non, East Everlegh). Tota: £7.30; £1.90. £2.40, £2.20. DF: £45.70. CSF; £41.97. Nl.

cast: £216.78. Tro: £104.40. After a stew-ards' inquiry, placings unaltered. 4.30: 1. RdSQUE LADY (Pat Edden) 3-1; 2. Royal Styness 5-4 far; 2. Quittells 14-1. 2. Royal Stryness 5-4 fav; 2. Quantum 14-1. 15 ran. Str.-hd, 8. (P Harris, Berkhartsted). Total: £4.40; £1.70, £1.60, £4.30. DF; £4.80.

CSF: £6,69, Tric: £41,00, 5.00: 1. OPENING RANGE (P. Bradley) 14-1: 2. Bairn Atholi 25-1; 3. Whitez York 25-1, 12 ram. 5-6 tay Cross The Border (Gr). £308.62. Tricast: £7.745.17. Trio: £722.40.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £27,774,69 can ned forward to York today. Placepot: £722.80. Quadpot: £628.30. Place 6: £202.02. Place 5: £157.46.

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a success ratio of 17%; Pani Eddery 18 from 100 (18%).

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LONG-DESTANCE RUNNERS; Just Bob (4.30) has been sem 238 miles by S Kettlewell from Middleton, North Yorkshire; Captato Rikes miles by S Kettlewell from Middleton, North Yorkshire, Captato Rikes (2.34) sort 263 miles by N Tinkler from Langion, North Yorkshire.

2.20 JOHN MCCARTHY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,550 270 filles of 189yds CANTONESE (185A) (\$2) R Creaton 8 11. AAYOURA N Cohem 8 11.

14 O STAN OF WATCH STANDARD COLUMN TO STANDARD S 2.50 SMARDEN SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,875 added 240 6f 189yds

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GOLF: Disappointment again for the prodigal as an underachiever secures his first major while Ryder Cup team takes shape

The taming of a young Master

hn would of thought a young American whn came close to winning two majnrs this year was not called Tiger Woods? In fact, he was named Justin Leonard and the Open champion was nnly thwarted in claiming a double with the US PGA Champinnship at Winged Funt by a hrilliant final-round 66 from

Love's victory by five strokes meant he was the first thirtysomething to win a major this year, and the third first-time winner after Woods and Leonard. Woods, the ynungest US Masters champion at 21, trailed in 17 strokes behind Love after a closing 75 left him

Post Augusta, where he won by a record 12 strokes, there was huge speculation about Woods doing the mythical Grand Slam. Woods did nothing to dampen down the furore.

"Ynu have tn win four times in the right weeks," was the gist of his reasoning. By the start of the US PGA, he had changed his tune. "Realistically, it is next to impossible," he said.

While Love never finished lower than 16th in the majors this year, and Lennard joined him in having three top-10 finishes, Woods was 19th at the US Open, 24th at Royal Troon and 29th last week. On Sunday, he began the final round eight strokes off the lead and immediately hogeyed the first. He missed a hirdie chance at the second and entered in distracted-putter-twirling mode.

By the time he dnuble bogeyed the ninth, stubbing a chip and three points, the put-ter was getting clearance from air traffic control on its journey

hack to the bag. At Augusta, he was 18 under par. In the three remaining majors, he was 12 over. For just 10 holes of those three tournaments, he was 24 over. At the US PGA he had four doubles, including two during a third

After winning at Augusta, Tiger Woods has not made the impact expected in the year's other majors. Andy Farrell reports

round when he was ideally

placed to charge.
At Troon, Woods had two triples and a quadruple bogey. Without those, he would have finished second but the world No 1 has learned a hard lesson in course management. While Augusta National, a unique style of layout, is ripe for being overpowered, Woods has found that more traditional major champinnship sites demand more. Congressional, scene of the US Open. Troon and Winged Foot each provide a severe test of every depart-ment of a player's game.

Tiger Woods' major performances in

70, 66, 65, 69 Won by 12 strokes

74, 67, 73, 72 Finished 19th

72, 74, 64, 74 Finished 24th

The USPGA, Winged Foot 70, 70, 71, 75 Finished 29th

In practice for the US PGA, Jack Lumpkin, Davis Love's coach and a former assistant pro at Winged Foot, kept emphasising the need to get the ball hack in play quickly from the rough. Byron Nelson, one of the legends of the game, told Leonard exactly the same at a pre-tournament reception. Even John Daly got the message. "You have no choice when you go in the rough but to take your medicine and chip out," he said after his opening 66.
Too often Woods tried to

hlast away from the long grass. For his troubles, he left with a sore ankle. Of course, his ag-gressiveness is what makes him so special. A brilliant slicing sixiron out of the trees, which finished 12 feet from the hole, was reminiscent of Seve Ballesteros. But, as with the Spaniard, you have to ask what he was doing there in the first place. "I hit too many bad shots," Woods said. "It'll be different next

Two remarks made in the wake of his Masters runaway come to mind. "Up to now Tiger has only won nn resort courses," Colin Montgomerie said.

"I'm not saying Augusta is a re-sort course but there is the same amount of room off the tee." Woods has seven professional victories but none of them have come on tight courses which test every cluh in the bag.

And Ernie Els said: "It's when you have disappointments in majors that you start thinking that it is not too easy. It may

happen to Tiger."
Woods has given golf the youthful image it needed and done much to raise the standard of everyone else's game, but he is still two weeks away from completing his first year as a

Mnntgnmerie added last week: "Experience is one thing, but you cannot beat talent. I noticed that at the Masters in a big hurry playing with Tiger on the Saturday afternoon. Everyone said he wasn't experienced. Big deal, right? The guy has immense talent and you can't heat that.

In golf, however, there are two nther opponents; yourself and the course. Conquering both of those, as well as 155 other players, every week just



Tiger Woods is frustrated on the testing Winged Foot course at the USPGA, where he fmished a disappointing 17 strokes behind the winner, Davis Love Photographs: AFP

Ryder Cup team takes shape US captain Kite opts for team US team takes shape experience

Ignoring one of the strongest candidates for his two wild card picks - namely himself -the American Ryder Cup captain. Tom Kite, selected Fred Couples and Lee Janzen tn jnin the 10 players who au-tomatically qualified from the points list for the match at Valderrama in September, writes Andy Farrell.

With six players from the team that lost the cup at Oak Hill two years ago. Kite had the luxury of leaving out a player with three top-10 finishes in the majors this year. It is unthinkable that his counterpart, Seve Ballesteros, could do the same when his team is finalised in two weeks' time, mainly because nn European can claim as many as two top-10 finishes in majors this sea-

With four rookies on his team already in Tiger Wonds, Justin Leonard, Jim Furyk and Scott Hoch, Kite went for experience even if neither player has a winning record in the Ryder Cup. In four matches, Couples has won five games, lnst seven and halved four, while Janzen lost both his outings when he played at The Belfry in 1993.

Couples, who finished 17th on the standings, was seventh at both the US Masters and the Open, but has played only a limited schedule during the course of a year when his father has been ill with leukaemia, the relationship with his fiancée broke down and his new girlfriend discovered she had breast cancer.

Freddie has had a lot nf distractions, but when he is good, he is as good as we have ever had," Kite said. Kite was also concerned about the 1992 Masters champinn playing twice a day with his history of hack problems, hut added:

*Freddie told me numerous times that he wanted to play. Couples, 37, said: "I've had my ups and downs in the Ryder Cup, but it is always a dramatic week and a lot of fun. It's made a relatively long year

come to an end. Janzen, the '93 US Open champion, narrowly missed being selected two years ago but came into contention by finishing fourth in the USPGA on Sunday, playing the final round with Kite. "I was waiting for someone to tell me not with wards, but with shots, that they wanted to be on the

team," Kite said. Where it came down to two guys, I went with Ryder Cup experience," he added. "It was a tough decision and I discussed it with all the players who were in with a chance. I'm sure I've woken up my wife yelling out names in my sleep.

Tommy Tolles, who was knocked out of the automatic spots by Jeff Maggert's third place at Winged Foot, Paul Stankowski and Davis Duval all missed out due to lack of experience, while Kite did not think veterans such as Tom Watson and Payne Stewart were olaying well enough.

Half his team suggested Kite was playing well ennugh, but though he believes it would be possible to be a playing captain, he ruled himself when he knew he could not qualify on points. "He's a great pick." Kite said of himself. "But he needed a good run to impress the captain and 19th was not high ennugh

on the list. Kite added: "We are behind the eight-ball because the Europeans know Valderrama like the back of their bands, but I think I have an impressive list of names. We know the competition is going to be tight and

US RYDER CUP TEAM



Moment of triumph: Davis Love III is delighted as he wins his first major championship on Sunday at Winged Foot

Perseverance pays off as Love follows in his father's footsteps

Davis Love III's father always told his son "to follow his dreams and enjoy the trip". Davis Jur was a teaching professinnal whose best finish in the USPGA Championship was a tie for 55th in 1967.

A third 66 of the week on Sunday gave Love a five-stroke victory over the Open champinn, Justin Leonard. "What a thrill for the son of a PGA member to win the PGA Championship," Love said. "This was the best I've ever felt for four days with the pressure on."

After starting the final round level with Leonard, the 33-yearold American quickly opened a gap which was never narrowed to fewer than three strokes. A birdie at the last gave Love his first major championship as a rainbow emerged overhead.

Andy Farrell on the USPGA champion who is finally enjoying 'the trip'

Love's father, his only coach as he learned the game and embarked on a career on tour, died on a small-plane crash in Florida in 1988. "Every day I play golf I think about my dad," he said. "I know he will be extremely proud that I not only won a major, but the PGA.

"After my father passed away it was not a lot of fun for a couple of years. He had a lot of friends on tour and the conversations always led to my dad. Golf became more of a job, something that was not as much fun for a while.

"But if I was going to dedicate a victory to anyone, it would be my mum. She drove

me to tournaments as a kid and took me to the country club. She tried to fill my father's shoes in terms of spurring me on, and I didn't always want to know. But the way she coped after my father died was a great

inspiration." Love, whose brother Mark has caddied for him for eight years, was second at the 1995 Masters and '96 US Open.

"I have always thought it was nice that people thought I should be in a category of players who should win a major," he said. "It is even nicer to get nut of it. There are some great players who should have won one

Tiger Woods (age 21) Justin Leonard (25) US Amateur champion in 1992 and star of Walker Cup neam which won by record 19-5 won over stem season with and wins in 1993. Turned pro a year later and last mouth lifted first major with closing 65 at Open.

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at Lytham last year. Davis Love (33)

2 caps (1993-95; P9 W5 L4)

Goes to Vedernama having ended 11-year west for first major at the US PGA. Scored winning point in 1993 by beating Costamino Rocca and got the better of him again tou years ago.

Burnier-up in 1995 Masters and lost 1996. for five years in New Orleans in April.

Jim Furyk (27)

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Possessor of ourly-wurly swing, but it gets the lob done. Fifth at US Open and fourth at Open this year. Nobody on 1997 US Your has had more top 10 finishes.

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Jeff Maggert (33) Grabbed second cap with closing course record-equating 65 for third soot at US PGA. Only US Tour was was four years ago. World both his games on the first day of 1395 cup, but then lost his other two members.

Mark O'Moara (40)

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Free tickets for fans unhappy at Johnson run

Athletics MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Michael Johnson's disappainting contribution to Sunday's night's Spar Challenge has prompted Ian Stewart, the British Athletic Federation's promotions officer, to offer ssatisfied customers free tickets for the Gateshead meeting

on 7 September. The double Olympic champion, racing in Britain for the first time in three years, finished fifth in the 200 metres in 20.87sec - more than one and a half seconds slower than his own world record - and then left before his scheduled 400m

Afterwards, the winner of the 200m, Doug Turner, cast doubt on Johnson's commitment to the race. "I don't think he could be bothered, to tell you the truth," Walker said. "At the end of the day he's here to please the crowd and

he's got his cheque." Jahnson, who is believed to bave received around \$70,000 (£44,000) for Sunday's meeting, did look bothered after the race, slumping down on his own in the warm-up area. But he abandoned the second of his

commitments on the night can come back in the indoor without either explanation or apology. Even for a star, nnt good PR.

Having persuaded Johnson to return in Britain after the dispute last year, when he refused in run at Crystal Palace after being switched from the 400m to the 200m. Stewart was in an awkward spot on Sunday night.

"It is a little bit disappointing," Stewart ventured. "If anyone writes in me to complain they will be given free tickets to Gateshead.

Stewart said he had been given in understand by Johnson's manager, Brad Hunt, that the world record holder was in reasonable form over 200m, even though he had not run the distance since two early-season efforts.

"He's obviously not in the shape he thought," Stewart said. "I think he put so much into the Atbens world championships that he is tired."

But he ruled out any attempt being made to re-coup some of Johnson's appearance money. "A deal's a deal," he said.
"I believe in that. It's the first time Michael has run in England for a long while and he what was going on in front of will be disappointed. Maybe he your eyes.

season.

The fuss over Johnson abscured the fact that, but far a few isolated instances, the meeting lacked a competitive

edge.
Bringing Donovan Bailey,
the Olympic 100m champinn, over to wallop the Brits over 100m had nnly limited appeal. Had Johnson run anything close in firm, he would not have had no a serinus challenger, either.

The field events provided the hest athletic substance of the evening, with Steve Backley being narrowly defeated by the man who heat him to the world javelin title, Marius Corbett, and the Britons Robert Weir and Sean Pickering giving the world champion, John Godina, a throw for his money in the discus and shot.

respectively. But you would hardly have known it. More needs to be done to prime the spectators who did part with up to £18 apiece on Sunday. The faulty scoreboard was nothing less than an insult to every paying customer. The Spar Challenge on Sunday was to work out

Rusedski ready to pull rank on Henman

Tennis

Greg Rusedski, who reached the semi-final of the Pilot Pen International in New Haven, Connecticut last week has risen to 23 in the latest world rankings - just three places behind the British No 1, Tim Henman.

Henman, a quarter-finalist in New Haven, has also climbed one spot to Nn 20 but his points total of 1,616 is only 65 better than Rusedski, whn has 1,551. It means that if Rusedski does well in Boston this week he could regain the British No 1

spot which he lost to Henman nn 29 April 1996. Despite the two Britons' progress neither is likely to be seeded at the US Open which starts next Monday as all the world's top 20 have entered. Monica Seles clinched a third

successive Canadian Open title

when she defeated Anke Huber 6-2, 6-4 in the final in Toronto. Seles broke her German opponent's serve twice to take the opening set. Huber, though, recovered from 3-1 down in the second set to lead 4-3. However she then lost her serve twice

more as Seles completed her victory on Sunday in 75 minutes. For the 23-year-old Seles it was a second consecutive victory following her win in Los An-

geles last week and suggests she is finding her ald consistency as well as giving herself excellent preparation for the US Open.

This is my favourite tournament, that's for sure," the world No 3 said. "I'm very glad that I did decide to come back and defend my title and I will come back next year too to try to keep the streak going. I wish I had a grand slam tnurnament here." Huber, who has yet to beat

proved too strong.
Yevgeny Kafelnikov won his second title of 1997 and rose to third in the ATP rankings by beat-ing the eighth seed, Pat Rafter, 7-6, 6-4 in the International final

Seles in eight meetings, admit-ted that once again Seles had

in New Haven, Connecticut. The top seeded Russian won £100,000 while Rafter, who has lost all four of his ATP finals this year, settled for a consolation cheque of £50,000 and the knowledge that his run lifted him to a career high of 14th in the world as well as becoming the highest-ranked Australian, sing Mark Philippoussis.

Bjorn Borg won his second Mentadent Over-35 Champions tournament by heating the third-seeded Andres Gomez 6-3, 7-5 in the final in Mashpee. Massachusetts. Borg made only 11 unforced errors compared to

Quick start will keep British confidence high

Swimming JAMES PARRACK

reports from Seville

Success for the British swimming team at the European Championships here this week will depend upon their ability to make a strong start. The swimming competition begins this morning and Britain's performance today will set the time for the event, which ends on Sunday.

Once the first swimmer wins a medal, everybody will want one, so a good start is crucial. The true character of a team overflowing with confidence, and capable of giving Britain its most successful championships ever, will be revealed when it is time stand on the blocks. Either medal fever will grip the team or that confidence will pass out of the squad as quickly as their energy did when a bout of stomach upsets put the squad to bed for two days last week.

Still recovering is one of Britain's best hopes for medals in the 100 and 200 metres butterfly, James Hickman, who is hooked up to a glucose drip to put back the weight he has lost from the illness.

the 100m freestyle, will be Karen Pickering and Sue Rolph. While Britain's Olympic silver medallist from Atlanta, Paul Palmer, will do the same for the men.

Amnng Britain's best prospects for gold are Palmer in the 400m freestyle on Friday and Stockport's Olympic bronze medalist, Graeme Smith, in the positive drugs test in 1993. 1,500m on Sunday - but it is the powerful relay squads which are likely to be the production line for medals this week, including gold. It is a conscious effort by Deryk Snelling, the national performance director, to huild

his squad around the relays.

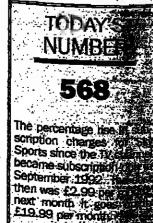
There are six medals to be won in the relays and we seriously hope to be medallists in all of them," he said yesterday. This is a team which has trained in Florida and Australia this year and is conditioned for good results." However well the British per-form here, there is no doubt that

most attention will fall on Ireland's triple Olympic gold medallist, Michelle Smith. Defending two titles from the last championships in Vienna in '95, she is trying to win an unprecedented six individual golds this year.

Smith has been unable to Leading the women's team in shake off allegations of drug use, the first event of the competition, which surfaced in Vienna and

grew in volume in Atlanta. The world of swimming could be thrown into turmoil if she won all six events. Smith's phenomenal progress began in 1994 and coincided with her partnership with Erik de Bruin, a former Dutch athlete, who was suspended for four years for a

A row between De Bruin and LEN, the sport's European governing body, in Vienna two years ago, when De Bruin used a false identity to accompany Smith to doping control, has been re-solved after a hearing here and De Bruin has been accredited for these championships....



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US captain* (ite opts for experience

Wilkinson gets back to teaching

Phil Shaw finds the FA's technical director happy to be coaching again - and with the progress he sees towards a new age of enlightenment

Tony Blair famously articulated his chief priorities in government as education, education and education. In his dual role as the Football Association's technical director and coach to the England youth team. Howard Wilkinson's principal aims can be similarly summarised: development, development and development.

Wilkinson donned the metaphorical tracksuit again yesterday - it was way too hot for synthetic fibres - for the first time since leaving Leeds United a vear ago. Supervising a five-day get-together for 40 of England's best Under-18 players at the National Sports Centre, at Lilleshall in Shropshire, his short-term target was to assess candidates for the opening Uefa Championship game against Yugoslavia at Rotherham.

The fixture falls on the anniversary of his sacking by Leeds, 9 September, though Wilkinson has neither time nor inclination to look back in anger or sadness. His long-term mission, set out earlier this year in a report entitled Football Education for Young Players: A Churter for Quality, takes up too much of his energy for that,

Its main recommendation was the establishment of acadin the Premiership clubs, where gifted adolescents could be nurtured into future internationals.

The centres would not necessarily he residential, nor. Wilkinson stressed, were they inrended to destroy schools football. And they certainly would not be a production line for what he termed "football monsters".

Instead, he envisaged places where 12 to 14-year-olds could improve their skills under a regime of "enlightened control". playing just one match a week and a maximum of 28 a season.

Liverpool, where Steve Heighway has overseen the development of Robbie Fowler. Steve McManaman, Dominic Matteo and now Michael Owen, have embraced the concept enthusiastically. With the government deciding that football would not be included in the proposed British Academy of Sport it appears the onus is squarely on others to do likewise.

"My soundings suggest about 20 clubs are making progress," Wilkinson said, "The surprising thing is the number of (Nationwide) League teams doing it. They see the academies as a chance to compete on a level playing field, because it's all down to the quality of care,"

Under his scheme, youth development would become a



Back in the old routine: Howard Wilkinson puts England's Under-18 squad through their paces at Lilleshall yesterday

to someone as an afterthought. Each academy director would have to earn more comprehensive qualifications from the FA than a basic coaching certificate: Lancaster Gate would, in turn, act as a "service industry" furnishing the latest research findings.

"No longer can we get away with excuses about not having the time or the facilities, Wilkinson said. "We're going to

a 50 per cent turnover of youth coaches at Premiership clubs, which is a nonsense. You wouldn't be too pleased if that happened with the teachers in your kids' school."

As evidence of how stability breeds success, he cited the unsung role of Eric Harrison, who has run Manchester Unit-

cd's youth policy since 1981. However, in the headlong pursuit of success, with clubs

lip service to Wilkinson's vision and go on signing ready-made first-teamers? "I spoke to Sir John Hall at Newcastle and he said of course they'll still buy

"Yet be also told me that in 10 years' time he'd like to see 11 Geordies running round St James' Park in the Premier League. He said: 'I've only got one stipulation - they have to be better than the foreigners we

the authorities had recognised we can't afford oot to do it. Young players are our lifeblood." The proliferation of overseas stars would not last forever,

somewhere else. No disrespect, but we doo't want to be left like cricket." To avoid that fate, the domestic game had to absorb the lessons of the Netherlands, Norway and Germany, where social circumstances were comparable in a way that Brazil or South Africa, with

that for children, development was more important than winning Wilkinsoo insisted. "They'll go For all that, victory over Yugoslavia would be no less wel-

Photograph: Robert Hallam

come for Wilkinsoo, after so long out of the frontline. His exhaustive schedule meant there had been no time for withdrawal symptoms, but he had enjoyed working with players again. peace talks in Australia yester-"It's a nice refreshing chaoge," he said, no longer the haunted figure of a year ago, "like hav-ing a round of golf."

tition that is unacceptable. St Helens' Great Britain cen-

Saints' chief executive, David Howes, said, however, that the club boped to resolve Hunte's

The Leeds captain, Gary Mercer, has decided to appeal on Thursday against a fivematch ban for a high tackle. Mercer, who was summooed on video evidence, has already served ooe game of his sus-

provide those and, probably needing to appease the Stock Excould buy.' There's no reason we rather than a lowly post given the past two years there's been change as well as supporters, isn't can't do that in this country. The their culture of street football, there a danger that clubs will pay people with oous recognise that were not. In those three countries Saunders' warning

Dean Saunders has warned his Welsh team-mates about the replich. They just wade in and ception they will receive when they enter Islanbul's Ali Sami Yen Stadium for their World Cup Group Seveo match

against Turkey tomorrow,
"It's an assonishing place." said the Nottingham Forest, when they play Germany a striker, who scored 21 goals in 28 games for Galatasaray in the 1995-96 season, "The place is just deafening. It frightens the life out of opposents and it was pretty awesome for the home side too. You get the lot. Guns, flares.

fireworks, amazing chanting and singing, and it goes on and on. Frankly, it's unsafe. People are just packed in there, and the police just whack them if they

they get away with it.

The police are fans too. The one thing you don't do is cross them. That's mad.' Northern Ireland have yet to

decide who their captain will be David Connolly, who is now Group Nine qualifier in Belfast tomorrow. Steve Morrow, who led the side briefly before Bryan Hamilton turned to Jain Dowie and Tommy Wright, and Jim Magilton are the two candidates. Dowie is suspended while Wright is injured for the game which Northern Ireland must win to retain their slim hopes of qualification.

with Fevenoord, is guaranteed. his place in Republic of Ireland side against Lithuahia at Lansdowne Road tomorrow. Coonolly, who scored a hat-trick has not issued a writ. against Liechtenstein in May, will probably he partnered by Niall Quinn after Keith O'Neill was ruled out. With four games to go in

many natural leaders."

Group Eight, the Republic, Lithuania and Macedonia are cod of last season, is believed level on points behind Romania.

United seek Cantona deal

yet because an obvious captain hasn't jumped out at me," the manager said. "That's not a crit-Eric Cantona and Manchester United are in talks over a final pay-off demand, reported to be as high as £750,000, to reward icism, because a major plus for us is the fact is that we have so him for money made on repli-The former Watford striker ca shirts hearing his name. Uoited's chief executive,

Martin Edwards, said: "There are discussions going on be-tween us and Eric's lawyer. Jean-Jacques Bentrand, Eric "When he left us he was

concerned about us continuing to market his name. We agreed we would not market Eric Cantona products from 31 July." Cantona, who retired at the

to be seeking a six-figure sum.

Leeds United are to take internal disciplinary action against Bolton are to sign the South

African centre-half Mark Fish in a £2m deal from the Italian side, Lazio. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, hopes to have kick him out of Leeds. the defender - who turned down a trial at Manchester United last year - in his team for the opening game at the Rechok Stadium on 1 September, when they face Everion.

Bolton have also finally secured the signature of Peter Beardsley, whose £300,000 transfer from Newcastle was agreed yesterday. He tooks set to make his debut at Coventry on Saturday.

Iomas Brolin following the Swedish international's outburst against manager George Graham yesterday, in which he accused Graham of trying to Brolin is now certain to find

Fish set to join Bolton

himself frozen out permanently, with Graham likely to step up his bid to try and sell him and recoup some mooey before the Bosman ruling takes effect. Barnsley are to hold talks with West Ham's unseitled

striker lain Dowie today in a hid to persuade the Northern Ireland international to move to Oakwell.

Celtic appear to have failed

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Worcestershire v Glamorgan

Premier Division campaign, were believed to have agreed a £2m fee for the Borussia Dortmund midfielder . However, Celtic's general manager, Jock Brown, is now

inforcements after a disastrous

start to their Scottish League

thought to have decided against a deal, while the player's agent, Jim Melrose, was unimpressed by the offer. Notts County, currently lead-

ing the Third Division, have been issued with a transfer embargo from the Football League after failing to pay players' signing-on fees.

Lindsay upset at **Academy** exclusion

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

The game's ruling body is appealing to the government to reconsider its exclusion from the projected academy of sport.

The Rugby League's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, has writteo to Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, who announced over the weekend that football, cricket and rugby would not be catered for at the new centre for the pursuit of excellence.

"I'm just astonished," said Lindsay yesterday. "I find it bizarre that what are regarded as commercial sports should be considered capable of looking after themselves.

"Perhaps that case can be made for football, with its ability to attract massive finance, but it doesn't apply to us.

"We were consulted by the previous government about what we would like to see in the academy, so it never occurred to us that we would be omitted. "I have written to Chris

Smith today and asked him to look again at our situation. We have been frustrated for 102 years by a lack of funding and I really think that he has got it

In a second disappointment for the code, it now seems that a compromise between Super League and the Australian Rugby League is as far away as Super League broke off

day, claiming that the ARL had demanded a degree of financial and administrative control over a merged compe-

tre, Alan Hunte, has intensified their problems by saying that he wants to leave the club. in their attempt to bring Paul Lambert back to Scotland. The Hunte has had ooe transfer request turned down but is Parkhead side, desperate for re-

adamant that he wants to leave while his agent claims that there is already interest from other clubs - which would not be surprising if a player of his class was to become available.

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Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough maner, goes into hospital today for an ankle operation. The former Manchester United and England player has suffered wear and tear over the years and 8 surgeon has advised an operation at this

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Love B (USA) 7-51: 10 M O'Means (USA) 7.53;

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Axel Meyer-Wolden, the Munich lawye who was Boris Becker's manager, has died yesterday in Munich. He was 56. Britannic Assurance **County Championship** Final day of four Nottinghamshire v Somerset TRENT BRIDGE: Nottingnometric (11pts) drew with Somerset (10).

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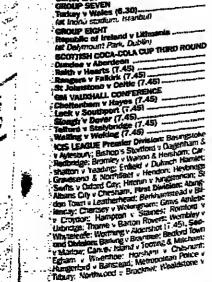
Final day of three CHELMSFORD: First Class Counties XX be Pakistan A by five wickets. Pakistan A won toss PAUGSTAN A - First Innings 227 IP M Such FIRST CLASS COUNTIES XI - First famings 439 IA F Gles S1, A P Grayson 77, G Welch 52, O L Hemp 531. 62, 0 L Hemp 53).

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LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City v Westhpool. PONTING LEAGUE First Division: Wokes v Por Vale 17.01. YARD I (.U. AYON INSURANCE COMBINATION First Division Aryera's Potsmouth (2.0), Crystal Palace Wheeler (2.0) (or Pough Larent Mines wheel Ham (2.0). Other sports

TODAY'S FIXTURES

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First Divisions Atherion I.R v Chadderton: Burisough v Blackpool Rovers; Donvert v Mossley (7.45); Headington V Research V Sostonia V Solitoria V Jahrel Gild v Narbeck Warrington v Newcosta Forn, ARMOTT RISURANCE NORTHERN LEAGUE First Divisions Duration 18 v Mustors; Stodeno v Burisham Town.

UNLSPORT United Counties League President Portainer Destonaugh v Stamford; Ford Sports v Northernpton Search; Hollander V Solings, Ling Buchty v Hernpston Whites Blacksters v Boston Town; Potton v Vestragonaugh; St Neds v Yanley; Sevents & Lloyds Corb v Soutida Wooten v Buchergham Town.

UNREST SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE Find Divisions Peacehaven & Telecombe v Eastbourne Town: Register Volants; Selesy v Laterapion; Storeham v Writehawk (7.45); Wick v Partied; Herisham v Buriges Hill.

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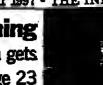
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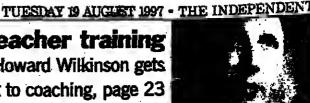
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LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES P M Hutchison __85.5

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Red faces as McGeechan rebuffs RFU

Rugby Union **CHRIS HEWETT**

Ian McGeechan, haloed hero of the Lions' epic Test series victory over the Springboks earlier in the summer, yesterday turned his back on the laughably mishandled free-for-all surrounding the England coaching job. The Yorkshire-born Scot's decision left Jack Rowell, the much-maligned iocumbent. firmly extrenched on the moral high ground and the Rugby Football Union's newly installed hierarchy cringing with well-

earned embarrassment. McGeechan advised mem-

bers of the RFU's national playing committee of his withdrawal from the running a mere 24 hours after Fran Cotton, the high-profile vice-chairman of Twickenham's management board, was quoted as describing him as "the one option for England coach". Cotton was also reported to have identified "weaknesses" in Rowell's armour, namely his approach to selection and man-management - a fairly withering condemnation in anyone's language.

Not surprisingly, Rowell was deeply upset by the outburst, just as he was when his job was being hawked nakedly around the southern hemisphere dur-

ing the build-up to the one-off Test with Australia in July, and he discussed the matter with Cotton yesterday afternoon. If the RFU now decide to stick with the status quo after phimbing the depths of crass insensi-tivity - they might look at their own man-management skills before criticising those of nther people - they will have to bring a charm offensive to the

negotiating table as well as a oew contract for Big Jack. Rowell's current deal expires on Sunday week, two days after the RFU are scheduled to reach a final decision on who will fill the most important post in the English game.

McGeechan's "thanks, but no thanks" decision leaves Rowell head and shoulders above any other British candidate in terms of experience and success at international level and it may well be that he will be asked to see his country through to the 1999 World Cup.

He was a paragon of diplomacy yesterday, saying merely that he remained keen to continue at the helm. "Over the last two years we've cut away some of the undergrowth and are seeing the greeo shoots emerge as a result," be said. "Tve made oo demands whatsoever to the RFU or anyone else. Everyone knows that I have a oumber of

business interests outside of at Franklins Gardens. One Engrugby and that those interests land insider painted a different rugby and that those interests require a great deal of attention. but I remain hopeful that some balance can be struck." There was no word at all from

McGeechan, whose reasons for

rejecting the RFU head-hunters remained a matter of coojecture. His lucrative contract with Northampton, where he remains director of rugby, still has six years left to run and the heavy compensation demands of Keith Barwell, the club's milliooaire owner, were an obvious sticking point. Indeed, Barwell bad been adamant throughout the whole sorry episode that his man would stay

saw the way Jack had been treated and decided the penny wasn't worth the candle," he

"If this situation had been allowed to develop in a business environment, heads would have rolled long ago - and I'm oot talking about Jack's head, either. It's been pathetic, to be honest with you. It's been like waiting for a man to go to the gallows for no reason apart from the fact that he challenged people who were too used to life in the

Last night, the RFU put out

committee members would "continue their discussions with Jack Rowell and other candidates for the position". Those candidates include Richard Hill, the Gloucester coach who played under Rowell at Bath, and two current Bath coaches, Andy Robinsoo and Clive Woodward. John Mitchell, Sale's successful import from

Antipodeans are not, however, flavour of the month with the RFU's influential traditionalist lobby. Bob Dwyer, who coached Australia to the 1991 World

New Zealand, is also under

a statement saying that Cotton and his fellow national playing ington Cup victory last season. ington Cup victory last season, was contacted by the RFU some months ago, as was Graham Henry, the tactical mastermind behind the Super 12 champions Auckland, as recently as carry July, but the popular view at Twickenham is that English rugby is not yet ready for a south ern hemisphere culture shock.

Whatever the outcome, the new domestic season will kick off on Saturday with the RFU smelling of anything but roses. Conspiracy or cock-up? As one Rowell supporter put it yester-day: "It's a bit of both. Basically. the RFU has managed to cocl up their own conspiracy.'

Davis and **Ball show** way to top

Cricket

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Hove Gloucs 320 & 331-7dec Sussex 324 & 161 Gloucs win by 166 runs

After the secood spirited part-oership of the match between Toby Peirce and Neil Taylor had taken Sussex to within sight of a draw, their middle order collapsed miserably against the accurate and persevering spin of Richard Davis and Martyn Ball, and the 23 points Gloucestershire collected from the match has taken them to the top

of the championship table. For three and a half days, Sussex fought well against a side with championship aspirations even if Gloucestershire were not quite at their best. In the end though, a pitch which allowed the spinners slow turn, enabled them to maintain their chal-

After Gloucestershire had hatted on for 45 minutes in the morning, Sussex's final target was 328 in a minimum of 82 overs which, with the two spinners in more or less constant action, became 94. To score at almost three and a half runs an over for this leogth of time with a highly suspect batting side was never a realistic option for Sussex unless they were giveo a

In the second over of the innings, Rajesh Rao played forward to Jonathan Lewis and was picked up by Ball at first slip. Peirce and Taylor then embarked upon another rebuilding exercise - they had put on 135 in the first innings – and added 107 for the secood wicket now.

Both drove haodsomely against the seam bowlers and defeoded with reasonable certainty when the spinners came

oo. Then, as they got their measure, they also began to drive and play off their legs with a pleasing fluency. But the spin-oers persevered with four fielders round the bat and it was Ball who made the all important first breakthrough.

Peirce had just reached his second 50 of the match when he went back to force Ball who turned an off-break away from the left-hander a little more than Peirce had anticipated and he was caught low at second slip by Bobby Dawson.

Taylor's 50 came next but soon afterwards he went on to the back foot and turned the ball straight to short leg. This opened the floodgates

for within minutes the Newell brothers had gooe, Mark pushed forward to Davis and was caught at silly point and foot he was held at short leg off bat and pad.

The tea interval hardly provided respite for Sussex for almost at once after the restart Paul Jarvis stretched forward to one from Ball which may have gone oo with his arm and was caught low down at slip by Mark Alleyne. Five runs later Amer Khan went forward to Davis and was caught off bat and pad.

Next to go was Justio Bates who was lbw to Ball playing a shot which was a mixture of a pull and a sweep and Alex Edwards and Mark Robinson were out just before the start of the final hour. Ball finished with 5 for 66 in 30 overs and Davis



A phalanx of deck chairs awaits the arrival of spectators at Hove yesterday as Gloucestershire took on Sussex and emerged victorious

Photograph: David Ashdown

James impresses as Glamorgan falter

JON CULLEY

reports from Worcester Worcestershire 476-9 dec Glamorgan 398 and 319 Worcestershire win by 54 runs

The Glamorgao opeoer, Stephen James, whose prolific

form this season has been ooted by the England selectors, eohanced his winter prospects with his fifth Charapionship ceotury here yesterday but could not lead the Welshmen to the win they occded to return to the top of the table.

mately tipped the other way. Worcestershire carving through the lower orders even with oo specialist spinner to clinch a victory that lifts them into title contection in fourth place.

Watched by chairman of selectors, David Gravency, James may have clinched a place on tour to the West Indies after his fourhour 130, the bedrock of Glamorgan's challenge. However, in chasing 374 to win, James occud-ed the support of at least one more innings of substance, but

none was forthcoming. A fascinating finish was achieved without the need for when Stuart Lampitt brilliantly

lodeed, the balance ulti- a declaration after Worcestershire, 263 for 7 overnight, lost their last three wickets for 32 in 13 overs, the England off-spin-oer Robert Croft finishing with 4 for 98 from 42 overs.

With a minimum of 81 overs available, Glamorgan made the perfect start, James and partner Hugh Morris managing both to weather the new ball and keep in touch with the clock in an impeccable opening stand, putting on 115 in 30 overs before the latter was run out by Vikram Solanki's superb throw from extra cover as James chanced a single.

caught Adrian Dale at slip, giving Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, a wicket from the first ball of a lengthy spell of respectable off-break bowling that suffered only when Wagar Younis went after him in some

desperation towards the close. The biggest blow, however, was inflicted by the seamer Gavin Haynes, who removed Mike Powell and, crucially, Mauhew Maynard from consecutive deliveries, the Glamorgan captain perversely following his sublime unbeaten 161 with a first-ball duck. James, dropped behind the

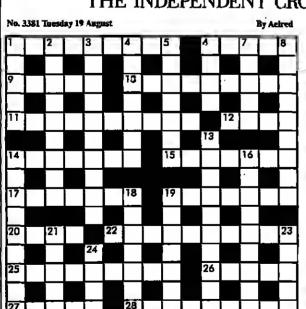
fore tea, completed his century gainst the same bowler with his 17th four. With Croft, who must attend an English Cricket Board disciplinary hearing in Bristol to-day before rejoining the England squad, chipping in, 78 runs were added for the fifth wicket, re-

viving Glamorgan's hopes. But the odds shifted again wheo Croft drove the pace

Mirza, to mid-on for 39. Then. with 106 still needed, Glamorgan almost immediately lost Gary Butcher to a return catch followed by James, who holed out to deep backward square. Younis ran out of partners as

Adrian Shaw was run out by Lampitt's fice throw before 19 year-old Mirza, playing in only his third Championship match, took bowling prospect, Maneer the last two wickets in seven balls.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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Yorkshire hit blockade

ROUND-UP

Ceoturies from Giles White and John Stephenson, their first in the Championship this season, denied Yorkshire victory at Portsmouth yesterday after Hampshire had followed on.

Hampshire began the final day on 173 for 3 in their second innings, still needing another 47 to make Yorkshire bat again. But White, whose previous top score for Hampshire in 44 matches was a modest 73, led the resistance with a career-best 145.

At the fall of the eighth wicket at 410, Hampshire were only 190 in froot and there were still 42 overs left, but Yorkshire's hopes finally disappeared in a ended with the wicketkeeper,

stand of 54 in 21 overs between Shaun Udal and Simon Ren-

Nottinghamshire squandered a golden opportunity to claim their fourth Championship victory of the season and, in the end, they had to survive the final over to avoid defeat against Somerset at Trent Bridge.

With Mathew Dowman scoring his third Championship ceotury of the season, Nottinghamshire appeared to be well oo the way to maximum points as they chased a victory target of 320 in a minimum of 76 overs. However, the departures of the captain, Paul Johnson, and Dowman in quick succession sparked a dramatic slide that

Wayne Noon, having to keep out Mushtaq Ahmed in the final

over to secure a draw. The Pakistan leg-spinner had been chiefly responsible for that dramatic slide with a burst of three for eight in 23 balls that had Nottinghamshire wobbling after their comfortable progress in the afternoon session. Nottinghamshire are to en-

ter the bidding for Shane Warne and will meet with the Anstralian leg-spinner's manager, Austin Robertson, Lancashire and Sussex are also interested Warne Nottinghamshire's cricket committee chairman, Stuart Foster, said: "Warne is our targeted player and we hope to meet him in the next 10 days, but we're in the hands of his agent."

Everton interested in Saunders

Football

ALAN NIXON

Howard Keodall is considering bringing Dean Saunders back to Merseyside from Nottingham Forest in time for the weekend. The Everton manager has

asked Forest about Saunders' price and availability and is considering a £600,000 bid for the former Liverpool striker, turned down Evertoo in favour ished straight away. In that who is on the fringe of Dave of Liverpool seven seasons ago. case, we'll insist on the [current] Bassett's side. Saunders. 33. would be delighted to return to the Premier League and the move could go ahead in time for a debut against West Ham on Saturday.

Keodall has run out of targets, including Manchester City's Uwe Rösler, and oeeds a oew partner for Duncan Fergusoo in the bopes of avoiding However, the Munich club's a second successive home defeat. Everton had even considered a move for Ian Rush before he joined Newcastle, but Saunders is emerging as the until 1999, favourite to join the Toffees in "If Totter

Tottenham Hotspur are interested in signing Peter Nowak, Poland's playmaker, from 1860 Munich, according to reports in the German sports magazine Kicker.

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had agreed personal terms with the London club and hoped he could move on a free transfer. president, Karl-Heinz Wildmoser, has said the club wants \$2m (£1.25m) for the player, who is under contract to the club

"If Tottenham want to come

the next few days. Saunders and happle, the matter is fincontract," Kicker quoted Wildmoser as saying.

The was no comment vester

day from Spurs on their apparent pursuit of the 33-year-old. More football, page 23 OPoblished by Newspaper Publishing PLC, I Conside Square, Canary Wharf, London E145DL, and printed at Mirror Colour Print, St

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